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| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>FREEBUS</b>                   |  | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>[REDACTED]</b>        | TYPED BY<br><b>mcp</b>                        |
| <b>0</b><br><b>FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS</b> |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>RACIAL MATTERS</b> |   |

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REFERENCES:

Pittsburgh airtel to Bureau, dated 7/17/61.  
Report of SA PETER F. MAXSON, at Albany, dated  
7/17/61, captioned "FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS".  
Bureau letter to NY, dated 7/19/61.

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An information copy of this report is being  
furnished to the Albany Office, inasmuch as individuals  
mentioned in the "Details" of this report are students  
at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

A review of NYO files reflected no information  
identifiable with the following Cornell students:

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In March, 1950, [redacted] advised that one [redacted] NY, was in attendance at the Second Annual Convention of the Progressive Party, which was held in Chicago, Illinois, February 25 and 26, 1950.

This information is not being incorporated into the "Details" of this report, since it is not known if the above-mentioned individual is identical with [redacted] NY, [redacted] Cornell student.

In addition, the current status of [redacted] is unknown to the NYO.

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INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

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NY T-1

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Characterization of  
PHILIP STERLING

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| NY T-9<br>[redacted]      | Characterization of<br>[redacted] |
| NY T-10<br>Anonymous      | Characterization of<br>[redacted] |

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Title:

FREEBUS

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS

Synopsis:

PETER STERLING, [Redacted]  
[Redacted]

all Cornell University students, during June, 1961, volunteered either as Freedom Riders or persons acting on campus in behalf of CORE through Cornell Committee Against Segregation. Informant advised [Redacted] included in list of above students in February, 1955, was member of LYL. Information reflecting subversive activities of parents of above students set forth.

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DETAILS:

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During June, 1961, NY T-1 advised that the following individuals, all of whom are students at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, were included among a number of Cornell students, who have either volunteered as Freedom Riders or as persons who have been acting on the campus in behalf of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) through the Cornell Committee Against Segregation:



Registrar's Office, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, furnished the following background information concerning the above listed students:

[redacted] born [redacted] at New York City. Admitted to Cornell in September, 1958. from [redacted] Parent: [redacted] New York.

[redacted] born [redacted] New York, admitted to Cornell as a graduate student from Cooper Union in September, 1960. Parent: [redacted] New York.

[redacted] born [redacted] at New York City. Admitted to Cornell in September, 1957, from Island Trees High School. Parent: [redacted] New York.

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[redacted] born [redacted] in  
New York City, admitted to Cornell as undergraduate from  
Nyack High School in September, 1957. Parent: [redacted]  
[redacted] New York.

[redacted] born [redacted] at  
[redacted] Pennsylvania, admitted to Cornell as undergraduate  
from Forest Hills High School in September, 1957. Parent:  
[redacted] New York.

The Communist Party, (CP), USA, has been  
designated by the Attorney General of the  
United States pursuant to Executive Order  
10450.

The Communist Political Association (CPA)  
has been designated by the Attorney General  
of the United States pursuant to Executive  
Order 10450.

As of October 30, 1944, PHILIP STERLING, 3922  
46th Street, Long Island City, New York, was a member of the  
Sunnyside Club, CPA, 46 - 14 Queens Boulevard, Long Island  
City, New York.

(NY T-2)

It is noted that PHILIP STERLING, Kirby Lane,  
North Rye, New York, previously resided at 3922 46th Street,  
Long Island City, New York.

As of August 1, 1949, PHILIP STERLING was employed  
as press representative by the Columbia Broadcasting System,  
and reportedly had been active in the Communist "cell" in  
Queens, New York, under the name of STEVENSON and allegedly  
had written for the "Daily Worker" under that name.

(NY T-3)

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The "Daily Worker" was an East coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication on January 13, 1958.

As of February 6, 1955, [redacted]

[redacted] the CP, USA, was a member of the West Side Labor Youth League (LYL). (NY T-4)

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

During the New York County CP Committee meeting, held on [redacted] it was announced by the Chairman of the County Committee that [redacted] was elected [redacted] of the New York State CP on [redacted] during a meeting of the New York State Committee of the CP.

(NY T-5)

On [redacted] resigned from his position as New York State [redacted]

(NY T-6)

During a meeting of the New York State CP Staff held on [redacted] it was announced that [redacted] had resigned from the CP.

(NY T-7)

[redacted]  
New York, listed as [redacted]  
is the [redacted]

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The catalogue for the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Avenue of the Americas, New York City, listed among the instructors and guest lecturers of the Summer Session July - August, 1948, [redacted] Clark University. [redacted] Taught Music and Society at [redacted]

(NY T-8)

The files of the Bureau of Special Services (BSS), New York City Police Department (NYCPD), reviewed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on March 15, 1950, indicated that [redacted] picketed the Federal House of Detention, New York City, on June 4, 1949, demanding the release of 3 of the 12 Communist leaders who, at that time, had been recently convicted of violation of the Smith Act.

It is noted that [redacted] had his name changed legally to [redacted] in Supreme Court, Suffolk County, Riverhead, New York.

In May, 1943, [redacted] began serving as [redacted] of the CP in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was a member of the Squirrel Hill Branch of the Pittsburgh Section, District 5, CP, at that time.

(NY T-9)

In 1945, [redacted] was issued CPA membership card number [redacted]

(NY T-10)

[redacted] former member of the CP in Western Pennsylvania, advised that on January 15, 1949, [redacted] attended a mass protest meeting sponsored by the CP of Western Pennsylvania, which was held at the Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny, Federal and East Ohio Streets Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of protesting the indictment and trial, at that time, of the 11 members of the National Board of the CP, USA.





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New York, New York

August 2, 1961

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Special Agent Reference is made to report of  
at New York.  dated and captioned as above

All sources (except any listed below) used in  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS,  
NEW YORK AND RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD /100-35588/

*OF FREEDOM RIDERS MISCELLANEOUS*

FREEBUS. RACIAL MATTERS. REBUTEL AUGUST TEN LAST. JULIUS W. HOBSON, PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON CHAPTER, CORE, ADVISED WASHINGTON FIELD THE FREEDOM BUS FROM NEW YORK CITY WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C. SOMETIME SATURDAY, AUGUST TWELVE NEXT, ABOUT NOON. PLANS ARE TO HAVE LUNCH IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND SPEND THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND SLEEPING QUARTERS BEING PROVIDED IN PRIVATE HOMES. PLANS INDICATE THAT BREAKFAST WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. SUNDAY MORNING AND THE GROUP WILL DEPART WASHINGTON SOMETIME BETWEEN EIGHT AND NINE THIRTY AM SUNDAY, AUGUST THIRTEEN NEXT, FOR JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. HOBSON STATED THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR CORE WILL CONDUCT PRAYER VIGIL IN FRONT OF ICC BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D.C. AUGUST FOURTEEN NEXT STARTING AT SIX PM UNTIL SIX AM AUGUST FIFTEEN NEXT. AN ESTIMATED GROUP OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE PLAN TO MEET AT THE

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NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, NINTHH AND S STREET, N.W. AT FIVE  
THIRTY PM AUGUST FOURTEEN NEXT, MARCH TO THE ICC BUILDING WHERE  
PRAYER VIGIL WILL BEGIN. HOBSON STATES LEADER OF THIS GROUP  
WILL BE [REDACTED] NEW BETHEL  
BAPTIST CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D.C. WASHINGTON FIELD WILL KEEP  
BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES ADVISED OF DEPARTURE TIME OF  
FREEDOM BUS AND ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING PRAYER  
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FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS  
*FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS*  
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FREEBUS. [REDACTED] JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED THAT  
AS OF TWO FORTYFIVE PM, AUG. THIRTEEN, APPROXIMATELY  
ONE SIX ZERO BONDED FRs HAVE RETURNED TO JACKSON. ALL CHARTER  
BUSES HAVE ARRIVED. SMALLER GROUPS HAVE BEEN ARRIVING THROUGH  
OUT DAY BY RAIL, BUS, AND PLANE. SOME STRAGGLERS EXPECTED TO-  
NIGHT AND TOMORROW MORNING. MOST OF THE FR ARE QUARTERED AT  
TOUGALOO SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, TOUGALOO, MISS. THEY WILL  
BE TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM JACKSON IN CHARTERED BUSES. THERE  
HAVE BEEN NO REPORTED INCIDENTS, VIOLENCE, OR ATTEMPTS TO TEST  
FACILITIES AT JACKSON. HINDS COUNTY SO MAINTAINING THREE CARS  
AND SIX DEPUTIES IN VICINITY TOUGALOO COLLEGE. FR TRIAL WILL  
COMMENCE TWO PM, CST, AUG. FOURTEEN WITH CALLING OF DOCKET.

FR WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO HINDS COUNTY COURT HOUSE FOR TRIAL  
VIA BUSES ESCORTED BY SO CARS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR  
PM, AUG. THIRTEEN. NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED JACKSON, MISS.,  
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INCE AUG. TWELVE SUMMARY. TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE FIVE. RE-  
LEASED ON BOND ONE NINE NINE. PAID FINE FOUR. RELEASED TO  
ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES  
DISMISSED ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION SENTENCE ONE. NET IN  
CUSTODY EIGHTYFIVE. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY  
JAIL AND JACKSON CITY JAIL.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: August 11, 1961

FROM :

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| Ingram     | ✓ |
| Gandy      | ✓ |

SAC Hawkins of the Houston Office advised at 6:00 p. m., 8/11/61, that 12 Freedom Riders from Los Angeles had arrived in Houston at 9:55 a. m., 8/11/61, via Southern Pacific Railroad. These 12 possessed railroad tickets only to Houston. SP Railroad Station has no eating facilities. After visiting a colored attorney and visiting the campus of Texas Southern University, 7 of the 12 Freedom Riders, at 11:55 a. m., 8/11/61, returned to the Southern Pacific Railroad Station and purchased the cheapest tickets for DeQuincy, La., (Houston Police advised that they would not object to these colored people eating in the railroad station if they possessed a railroad ticket beyond Houston).

At 1:48 p. m., 8/11/61, the 12 Freedom Riders from Los Angeles, plus four Houston Freedom Riders, went to the Union Railroad Station where food is served. They were refused service. The manager requested the police to arrest them and the police refused. The manager went to the County Courthouse, contacted the Justice of the Peace, secured warrants for the arrest of all 16 charging them with "Unlawful Assembly" and took the warrants to the police who then arrested all 16 at 3:35 p. m., 8/11/61.

SAC Houston does not have the identity of any of the 16 arrested Freedom Riders. He advised that no violence took place and that everything was handled peacefully.

ACTION:

Houston is submitting a confirmation wire and letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264

FREEBUS - W. C. SHOEMAKER, STAFF REPORTED DAILY NEWS JACKSON MISS. NEWSPAPER FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFO RE MEETING NEGRO MASONIC TEMPLE JACKSON, MISS. NIGHT OF AUGUST THIRTEEN. MEETING LASTED THREE HOURS, AND WAS ATTENDED BY ESTIMATED THIRTEEN HUNDRED PERSONS. REV. JOHN D. MONGRAM CHAPLIN, TOUGALOO SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, TOUGALOO, MISS., PRESIDED AND ANNOUNCED PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO PRAISE FREEDOM RIDERS. MANGRAM ANNOUNCED NO ONE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONGREGATE AT FR TRIAL COMMENCING HINDS COUNTY COURT TOMORROW. VARIOUS JACKSON AND STATE NEGRO LEADERS AND BONDED FREEDOM RIDERS SPOKE, ALL LAUDING EFFORTS OF FR. REV. C. T. VIVIAN, NM, BONDED FR SAID FR WILL KEEP GOING. JAMES L. FARMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CORE SAID FR MUST CONTINUE REGARDLESS OF COST. NO SPECIFIC DETAILS RE FUTURE FR PLANS MENTIONED. ESTIMATED SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLAR COLLECTION TAKEN UP. MEETING COVERED BY TIME MAGAZINE, NETWORKS AND REPRESENTATIVE B.B.C. NO WHITE PERSON OBSERVED IN AREA OF MEETING OTHER THEN BONDED FR. HINDS COUNTY S.O. CONVOYED FR IN BUSES FROM TOUGALOO COLLEGE TO MEETING AND RETURN. NO INCIDENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS, MOBILE

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-232/ 2P

FREEBUS. RM. [REDACTED]

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, ATLANTA, GA.,

ADVISED TODAY THERE WILL BE NINE FREEDOM RIDERS RETURNING  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, FROM ATLANTA, GA., TO STAND TRIAL.

THEY ARE.. [REDACTED]

AND ONE OTHER, IDENTITY UNKNOWN. THEY WILL BE LEAVING  
ATLANTA ON REGULARLY SCHEDULED TRAILWAYS BUS, ONE FIFTY  
A.M., EIGHT THIRTEEN, NEXT, VIA MONTGOMERY, ALA., SCHEDULED  
TO ARRIVE JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AT NOON, EIGHT THIRTEEN  
NEXT. THEY WILL BE MET AT BUS STATION AND TRANSPORTED TO  
TUPELO CHRISTIAN COLLEGE FOR ROOM AND BOARD. [REDACTED] SAID

THERE WERE SEVEN OTHER FREEDOM RIDERS WHO HAD ORIGINALLY  
BEEN SCHEDULED TO LEAVE FROM ATLANTA, WHO WERE SENT TO  
NASHVILLE, TENN., TO FILL OUT THE CHARTERED BUS PAREN GREYHOUND  
PAREN WHICH IS LEAVING NASHVILLE AT TEN PM TODAY WITH FORTY ONE

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PERSONS VIA JACKSON, TENN., AND MEMPHIS, TENN., ON HIGHWAY SEVENTY. THIS BUS PLANS TO LEAVE FROM THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE, OR FROM ONE NINE ZERO FIVE JEFFERSON STREET, RATHER THAN FROM BUS STATION. [REDACTED] SAID THERE WOULD BE FOUR OTHER FREEDOM RIDERS LEAVING ATLANTA TO REPORT FOR TRIAL AT JACKSON, MISS., BY PLANE. THREE OF THESE WILL LEAVE ATLANTA ON DELTA FLIGHT SEVEN ONE ONE, AT FOUR ZERO FIVE P.M., EIGHT THIRTEEN NEXT, DUE TO ARRIVE JACKSON, MISS., FIVE ZERO SEVEN P.M., CENTRAL STANDARD TIME. [REDACTED] SAID THESE THREE WERE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] A CHICAGO RABBI. THE FOURTH PERSON TRAVELING BY PLANE FROM ATLANTA IS [REDACTED] WHO IS FLYING TO JACKSON BY HERSELF, TIME OF DEPARTURE UNKNOWN. [REDACTED] SAID THERE WILL BE NO ATTEMPT TO TEST FACILITIES ON ANY OF THESE RETURN RIDES TO JACKSON BUT ARE BEING MADE SPECIFICALLY TO STAND TRIAL AS ORDERED. LOCAL AUTHORITIES BEING NOTIFIED. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS.

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TO DIRECTOR, SACS ATLANTA, KNOXVILLE, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS,  
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FROM SAC RICHMOND /157-231/

*Freedom Riders - 100*  
FREEBUS. RACIAL MATTERS. RE WFO TEL THIS DATE. FOR INFO KNOXVILLE  
FREEDOM RIDERS ARRESTED JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AND PRESENTLY OUT ON  
BOND, REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR JACKSON WHEN COURT CONVENES  
AUGUST FOURTEEN NEXT. TOTAL OF OVER ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PLAN TO GO  
TO JACKSON BY VARIOUS ROUTES. GROUP OF AT LEAST THIRTY EIGHT TRAVEL-  
-ING BY CHARTERED GREYHOUND BUS FROM NYC VIA WASHINGTON, D. C.,  
ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, AND NASHVILLE AND MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.  
GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER SIX TWO SEVEN EIGHT ARRIVED ROANOKE, VA.  
THREE PM THIS DATE AND DEPARTED THREE FIFTEEN PM, DUE TO ARRIVE  
KNOXVILLE NINE THIRTY TO TEN PM TODAY. NO INCIDENT AT ROANOKE.  
AIRMAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE, AND NEW YORK.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS WFO, MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC KNOXVILLE

FREEBUS. RM. RE WFO AND MEMPHIS TELS TODAY.

[REDACTED] GREY HOUND BUS LINES, KNOXVILLE, ADVISES BUS NO. SIX TWO SEVEN EIGHT CHARTERED BY CORE DUE TO ARRIVE KNOXVILLE APPX. TEN THIRTY P. M. TODAY. WILL DEPART AFTER LAYOVER OF APPX. THIRTY MINUTES. BUS SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL VIA US HWY. SEVENTY KNOXVILLE TO NASHVILLE ARRIVING NASHVILLE ABOUT THREE THIRTY A. M. AUG. THIRTEEN NEXT AND TO TRAVEL HIGHWAY EIGHTY NASHVILLE TO MEMPHIS ARRIVING MEMPHIS ABOUT EIGHT THIRTY A. M. ESTIMATED ARRIVAL JACKSON, MISS., NOON TOMORROW. NO LAYOVERS SCHEDULED BETWEEN KNOXVILLE AND JACKSON. TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AS BUS IS CHARTERED. DISPATCHER OF OPINION MAJORITY OF PASSENGERS TO BE DISCHARGED AT POINTS OTHER THAN BUS STATION IN JACKSON. LOCAL AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED. [REDACTED] ADVISES THAT THERE ARE THIRTYSEVEN PERSONS ABOARD INSTANT BUS.

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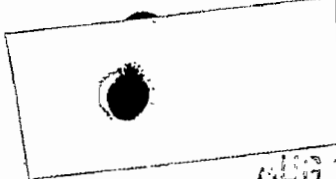
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 157-264

*Freedom Riders*

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, AUGUST TWELVE.

NO FREEDOM RIDERS, ARRESTED TWO HUNDRED NINETYFIVE. RELEASED  
 ON BOND ONE HUNDRED NINETYNINE. PAID FINE FOUR. RELEASED  
 TO ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED AS  
 CHARGES DISMISSED ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION SENTENCE ONE.  
 NET IN CUSTODY EIGHTYFIVE. ALL FREEDOM RIDER PRISONERS EATING  
 AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL AND JACKSON CITY JAIL.

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FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

FREEBUS. REMYTEL NINTH INSTANT. [REDACTED]

NOW HANDLING FRS FROM NO, TODAY ADVISED FOLLOWING COLON TRIAL  
FOR DISTRIBUTING HANDBILLS CONTINUED AND ALL PAROLED. FIFTY  
FRS RELEASED ON BOND FROM JACKSON WHO WERE COMING TO NO FROM  
LOS ANGELES IN CHARTERED BUS, HAVE BEEN BROKEN INTO SMALLER  
GROUPS GOING DIRECT TO JACKSON BY VARIOUS MEANS ARRIVING  
THERE BEFORE NOON FOURTEENTH INSTANT. FOURTEEN FRS ON BOND  
FROM JACKSON PLUS [REDACTED] DEPARTING NO SEVEN TEN AM THIR-  
TEENTH INSTANT FOR JACKSON VIA IC RR TRAIN CITY OF NEW ORLEANS,  
NO TESTING ENROUTE OR IN JACKSON, STAYING TOUGALOO AND CAMPBELL  
COLLEFES, JACKSON. NO NEW FRS DEPARTING NO FOR JACKSON THIS  
WEEKEND. [REDACTED] DEPARTING NO FOR THEIR  
HOMES, [REDACTED] GOING TO UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. NO AND  
JACKSON PDS, HINDS COUNTY SO, LSP AND MHSP BEING ADVISED.

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FREEBUS. REMYTEL ELEVENTH INSTANT. [REDACTED] DEPARTED

NEW ORLEANS EIGHT PM, TODAY, VIA GREYHOUND BUS ENROUTE

ROCHESTER, N. Y. [REDACTED] DEPARTED NEW ORLEANS EIGHT

FIFTEEN-PM, TODAY, ENROUTE CHICAGO VIA GREYHOUND BUS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CORE, NEW ORLEANS, STATES THIRTEEN FRs UNDER BOND

FROM JACKSON LEAVING NEW ORLEANS WITH HIM ENROUTE JACKSON,

AUG. THIRTEENTH INSTANT, SEVEN TEN AM, VIA IC RR. NEW

ORLEANS AND JACKSON PDS, LA. AND MISS. SP-S, HINDS COUNTY SO

ADVISED.

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URGENT 8-13-61 7-20 PM CST TJB

TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-NEW 1-P  
FREEBUS. CAPT. [REDACTED] JACKSON, MISS., PD ADVISED TODAY THAT  
TWO FR ARRESTED AT TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL JACKSON, SIX ZERO EIGHT PM  
CST. BOTH HAD ARRIVED FROM NEW ORLEANS AND ENTERED WHITE WAITING ROOM  
OF TERMINAL. WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED BREACH OF PEACE WHEN FAILED TO  
MOVE ON. BOOKED JACKSON CITY JAIL. NO INCIDENTS. NEITHER HAD BEEN  
ARRESTED AS FR BEFORE. THOSE ARRESTED WERE [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED]

AT NEW ORLEANS, [REDACTED] LBS., EMPLOYED

[REDACTED] NEW ORLEANS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NEW YORK CITY, [REDACTED]

BORN [REDACTED]

AT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LBS., EMPLOYED AS [REDACTED]

SHE ADVISED PD IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO DATE SET FOR TRIAL ABOVE. INS NEW ORLEANS BEING ADVISED

[REDACTED] NEW YORK BEING ADVISED AM. 157-301869

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FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P

FREEBUS. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR PM, AUGUST ELEVEN.

~~FREEBUS~~ RIDER PR PRISONER, [REDACTED] RELEASED ON EXPIRATION

OF SENTENCE AUGUST ELEVEN. NO ~~PR~~ ARRESTED SINCE AUGUST TEN

SUMMARY. TOTAL ARRESTED TWO NINE FIVE. RELEASED ON BOND

ONE NINE NINE. PAID FINE FOUR. RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE.

RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED

ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION SENTENCE ONE. NET IN CUSTODY

EIGHT FIVE. ALL ~~PR~~ PRISONERS EATING AT JACKSON CITY

JAIL AND HINDS COUNTY JAIL.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, MEMPHIS /157-140/ 1P  
*Freedom Riders - 10/11/61*  
FREEBUS. RACIAL MATTERS. ONE BUS LOAD OF FREEDOM RIDERS, *10/11/61*  
BOND, WILL LEAVE NASHVILLE, TENN., TEN P. M., AUGUST TWELVE  
NEXT, ENROUTE JACKSON, MISS., VIA CHARTERED TRAILWAYS BUS.  
WILL HAVE REST STOPS AT JACKSON, TENN., AND MEMPHIS, TENN.  
BUS CHARTERED FOR FIVE DAYS AND [REDACTED] WHO CHARTERED BUS,  
ADVISED BUS COMPANY THAT GROUP WOULD PROBABLY STAY AT  
TOUGALOO COLLEGE, A FEW MILES NORTH OF JACKSON AND INDICATED  
THAT BUS WOULD UNLOAD AT THAT SCHOOL. BUS WILL ARRIVE *11/11/61*  
JACKSON, TENN., ONE FIFTEEN A. M., MEMPHIS, TENN., THREE FORTY  
FIVE A. M., AND JACKSON, MISS., TEN A. M., OF AUGUST THIRTEEN  
NEXT.

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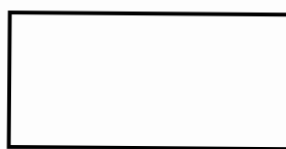
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FROM SAC, NEW YORK /157-391/ 2 PAGES

FREEBUS. [REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED NYO

TODAY THAT ON EIGHT ~~XXXX~~ELEVEN LAST, CORE CHARTERED GREYHOUND BUS FOR  
FREEDOM RIDERS TO LEAVE AT ELEVEN PM, FROM THIRTYEIGHT PARK ROW,  
NYC, EN ROUTE JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. WHILE BUS WAS PULLING AWAY  
FROM THIRTY EIGHT PARK ROW, UNIDENTIFIED WHITE MALE, TWENTY FIVE  
TO THIRTY YEARS OF AGE, SANDY HAIR, SIX FEET, ONE  
EIGHTY POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, STARTED TO ABUSE FRIENDS  
OF FREEDOM RIDERS STANDING ABOUT THE BUS. HE ASSUALTED  
WRITER OF QUOTE NEW YORK POST END QUOTE, LOCAL NYC  
NEWSPAPER, WHO WAS HOSPITALIZED AT BEEKMAN DOWNTOWN  
HOSPITAL, NYC. [REDACTED] OF CORE, ALSO ASSAULTED.  
HIS GLASSES WERE BROKEN AND HE WAS STRUCK ABOUT THE FACE.  
AFTER THIS INCIDENT, BUS LEFT THIRTY EIGHT PARK ROW, LATE  
ON EIGHT ELEVEN LAST WITH STOP SCHEDULED AT WASHINGTON, DC  
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BUS HAD THIRTY PASSENGERS WHEN IT LEFT NEW YORK AND WAS  
SCHEDULED TO PICK UP SIX MORE PASSENGERS IN WASHINGTON,  
DC. NYO WILL ASCERTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF ABOVE  
INCIDENT AND ADVISE BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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FROM SAC MOBILE /157-96/ 1P

FREEBUS. RE MOBILE TELETYPE NINTH INSTANT. REVEREND RALPH D.

ABERNATHY, NEGRO LEADER, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, REPORTED THE  
FOLLOWING INTATNT DATE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL LEAVE MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA TWELFTH INSTANT  
DRIVING IN PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI TO  
ARRIVE THIRTEENTH INSTANT AT JACKSON. THEY WILL MEET WITH CORE  
REPRESENTATIVES. MELVIN ~~WHITE~~, FORMERLY OF MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA,  
IS PRESENTLY IN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE IN TEXAS. HE PROBABLY  
WILL TRAVEL FROM TEXAS TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI FOURTEENTH NEXT.  
NO DETAILS KNOWN OF FREEDOM RIDERS ON BOND ASSEMBLINT AT  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, AND NO OTHER FREEDOM RIDERS ARE KNOWN TO  
BE TRAVELING FROM MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, OR THROUGH MONTGOMERY,  
ALABAMA, FOR JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

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FROM SAC, NEW YORK 157-391 2 PAGES

*Freedom Riders - Misc*  
FREEBUS. RENTELS, EIGHT SEVEN AND NINE, SIXTY ONE.

[REDACTED] THIRTY EIGHT PARK ROW, NYC, ADVISED ON EIGHT ELEVEN SIXTY ONE THAT CORE FREEDOM RIDERS /FR/ FROM NYC RETURNING ON BOND TO JACKSON, MISS. ARE TRAVELLING VIA CHARTERED GREYHOUND BUS, LEAVING THIRTY EIGHT PARK ROW AT ELEVEN PM FRIDAY, EIGHT ELEVEN SIXTY ONE. BUS WILL STOP AT WASHINGTON, DC FROM FOUR AM TO FIVE AM SATURDAY MORNING, TO CHANGE TO ANOTHER GREYHOUND CHARTERED BUS AND TO PICK UP FOUR ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS. THIRTY EIGHT PASSENGERS IN ALL ON THIS BUS. THIS BUS THEN PROCEEDS DIRECT TO JACKSON, MISS CORE IS ARRANGING TO BRING FOOD ON THE BUS, WHICH HAS TOILET FACILITIES AND CORE DOES NOT INTEND TO USE SEGREGATED FACILITIES EN ROUTE. NEW ORLEANS GROUP RETURNING ON BOND WILL TAKE TRAIN OUT OF NEW ORLEANS AT ABOUT SEVEN TEN AM, SUNDAY MORNING, EIGHT THIRTEEN SIXTY ONE, AND ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN JACKSON, TEN TEN AM, SUNDAY MORNING. THE FOLLOWING NEW GROUPS OF FR NOT UNDER COURT ORDER TO

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APPEAR, ARE TRAVELLING TO JACKSON, MISS. TO SUPPORT THE FR-S THAT ARE RETURNING ON BOND.. SEVEN PEOPLE FROM LOS ANGELES, CAL. TRAVELLING VIA SCHEDULED GREYHOUND BUS AND ARRIVING IN JACKSON, SEVEN TWENTY FIVE AM., SUNDAY MORNING, EIGHT THIRTEEN SIXTY ONE., THREE PEOPLE FROM LOS ANGELES, CAL. TRAVELLING VIA DELTA AIRLINES, ARRIVING IN JACKSON, EIGHT THIRTY AM., SUNDAY., FOUR PEOPLE FROM BERKELEY, CAL. TRAVELLING VIA SCHEDULED GREYHOUND BUS, ARRIVING FIVE FIFTY PM, IN JACKSON, ON SUNDAY, EIGHT THIRTEEN SIXTY ONE. COPIES BY AIR MAIL TO BIRMINGHAM AND MOBILE.

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FROM SAC, MEMPHIS 157-140 1P *FREEDOM RIDERS MISCELLANEOUS*  
FREEBUS. RACIAL MATTERS. BUS MENTIONED IN RETEL, BEARING NUMBER

5-283, ARRIVED JACKSON, TENN ONE THIRTY AN AUGUST THIRTEENTH  
AND DEPARTED ONE FIFTY AM. PASSENGERS USED WHITE WAITING ROOM  
AND REST ROOM FACILITIES. REST ROOM SIGNS AT JACKSON DESIGNATED  
SEX ONLY, NOT RACE. BUS ARRIVED CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS DEPOT, MEMPHIS,  
THREE THIRTY AM AUGUST THIRTEEN. PASSENGERS ATE BREAKFAST IN FORMERLY  
WHITE RESTAURANT, SAT IN THE WAITING ROOM WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY  
BEEN DESIGNATED AS WHITE WAITING ROOM. PASSENGERS CONSISTED OF  
ABOUT FORTY ONE PERSONS INCLUDING TWELVE WHITE PERSONS. DRIVER

ADVISED PROCEEDING NON-STOP TO JACKSON, MISS., AND ON ARRIVAL  
THERE ABOUT TEN AM AUGUST THIRTEEN  *TEH*

IS GOING TO MAKE PHONE CALL TO DETERMINE EXACT DESIGNATION IN JACKSON. *CE*  
BUS DEPARTED MEMPHIS FOUR FIFTY-EIGHT AM WITHOUT INCIDENT. DRIVER AND  
BUS WILL REMAIN IN JACKSON FIVE DAYS BUT WILL NOT FURNISH TOUR SERVICE  
AS REQUESTED BY PERSONS CHARTERED IT. REC-39 *157-387-825*

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FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES /157-367/ 2P

FREEBUS. RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS  
AUGUST THREE LAST. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY SEVEN FREEDOM RIDERS PREVIOUSLY  
ARRESTED AND NOW OUT ON APPEAL BONDS TO DEPART LOS ANGELES  
TODAY VIA GREYHOUND BUS FOR JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, ARRIVING  
AUGUST FOURTEEN, NEXT, FOR COURT APPEARANCE OR HEARING.

THOSE DEPARTING ARE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, [REDACTED]

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ANGELES, [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES, [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES, STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY

OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, [REDACTED] EC-39 BELIEVED TO BE

FROM BERKELEY AREA, [REDACTED] NO LOS ANGELES ADDRESS

BUT DESCRIBED AS STUDENT FROM OAKLAND CITY COLLEGE,

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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, AND [REDACTED] NO ADDRESS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES, WHO IS PRESENTLY [REDACTED] OF A

COMMUNIST PARTY CLUB IN LOS ANGELES. VERIFIED THAT  
GROUP DEPARTED LOS ANGELES NINE FIFTEEN AM THIS DATE BY  
GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER ONE FOUR THREE EIGHT BY WAY OF  
PHOENIX, EL PASO, DALLAS, MEMPHIS, ARRIVING JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, APPROXIMATELY SIX PM, AUGUST FOURTEEN NEXT,  
ACCORDING TO GREYHOUND SCHEDULE. SAN FRANCISCO WILL  
ADVISE BUREAU AND NEW ORLEANS, IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE,  
REGARDING [REDACTED] IF ANY  
INFO ON THEM. NEW ORLEANS WILL ADVISE LOS ANGELES AND  
SAN FRANCISCO FURTHER REGARDING IDENTITY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND WHEN ARRESTED ORIGINALLY.

EL PASO, PHOENIX, DALAXXX DALLAS, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, AND  
SAN FRANCISCO TO BE ADVISED SEPERATELY.

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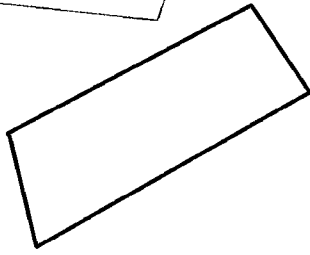


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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1P  
FREEBUS. REMYTEL TWELFTH INSTANT. FOLLOWING FRS ON BOND FROM

*FREEDOM RIDERS MISCELLANEOUS*

JACKSON DEPARTED NO TODAY SEVEN FIFTEEN AM IC RR ENROUTE JACKSON  
COLON [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ACCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CORE, NO, AND [REDACTED] OF FREE-

DOM RIDERS IN NEW ORLEANS. FRS OUT ON BOND FROM JACKSON WHO DID  
NOT GO BECAUSE THEY WERE ARRESTED NIGHT OF TWELFTH INSTANT FOR ASSAULT  
AND STILL IN CUSTODY ARE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALL WHITE MALES. JACKSON PD, HINDS CO. SO

LA. AND MISS. SP, AND CIC, NO ADVISED.

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URGENT 8/13/61 9-39 AM KGF  
TO, DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC NEW ORLEANS

FROM, SAC, MEMPHIS 157-140  
FREEBUS. RACIAL MATTERS. RE KNOXVILLE TEL AUGUST TWELVE LAST.

*OF FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS*

PASSENGERS GREYHOUND BUS 6278 TRANSFERRED TO GREYHOUND BUS 5594  
AT MEMPHIS. DEPARTED MEMPHIS 8-35 AM AND DUE TO ARRIVE JACKSON,  
MISS 01-00 PM. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED WHILE BUS IN MEMPHIS.

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THIRTEENTH. ALL OFFICES BE CERTAIN APPROPRIATE LOCAL, STATE  
AND FEDERAL AGENCIES ADVISED OF PERTINENT INFORMATION RE  
CONTEMPLATED TRAVEL BY FREEDOM RIDERS.

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FROM SAC, NEW YORK 157-391 3 PAGES

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Freedom Riders  
FREEBUS. RENYTEL, EIGHT SEVEN, SIXTY ONE.

[REDACTED] THIRTY EIGHT PARK ROW, NYC<sup>NY</sup> ADVISED ON EIGHT NINE SIXTY ONE  
THAT CORE HAS CHARTERED A GREYHOUND BUS FOR APPROXIMATELY THIRTY  
FREEDOM RIDERS PAREN FR PAREN TO LEAVE SATURDAY MORNING AT SEVEN  
AM, AUG. TWELVE, FROM CORE HEADQUARTERS, THIRTY EIGHT PARK ROW, FOR  
JACKSON, MISS. BUS IS SCHEDULED TO STOP AT WASHINGTON, DC, ABOUT  
NOON SATURDAY. FR WILL CHANGE BUSES AT WASHINGTON, DC, FOR ANOTHER  
CHARTERED GREYHOUND, WHICH WILL TAKE THEM DIRECT TO JACKSON. THEY  
EXPECT TO PICK UP AN ADDITIONAL FIVE OR SIX FR AT WASHINGTON, DC.  
THIS GROUP EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN JACKSON AT ABOUT NINE AM, SUNDAY,  
AUG. THIRTEEN. IT IS NOT THE INTENTION OF CORE ON THIS TRIP TO  
TEST SEGREGATED FACILITIES IN THE SOUTH. AT NASHVILLE, TENN.  
A CHARTERED GREYHOUND BUS WILL TRANSPORT FR TO JACKSON, MISS.,  
LEAVING NASHVILLE AT NINE PM, AUGUST TWELVE AND IS EXPECTED TO  
ARRIVE SOMETIME SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST THIRTEEN. AT NEW ORLEANS NO  
DEFINITE BUS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE AS YET BEEN MADE. AT ATLANTA, GA.  
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CORE HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING A CHARTERED BUS. THEY ARE PLANNING TO TAKE A SCHEDULED BUS ON A RESERVE BASIS, BY RESERVING THE BUS FOR THEMSELVES. CORE HAS ASKED ALL FR NOT TO ARRIVE IN JACKSON BEFORE SUNDAY MORNING. PLAN IS TO ARRIVE IN JACKSON BETWEEN NINE AM AND ONE PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST THIRTEEN. THE BUSES THAT HAVE BEEN CHARTERED ARE CHARTERED FOR ONE WEEK AND WILL BE USED FOR TRANSPORTATION IN AND AROUND JACKSON, MISS. TOUGALOO CHRISTIAN COLLEGE AND CAMPBELL COLLEGE, IN JACKSON, MISS. HAVE BEEN RESERVED AS LIVING QUARTERS FOR FR. SOME FR WILL ALSO BE HOUSED IN PRIVATE HOMES. A MASS MEETING OF FR IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY NINGHT, SEVEN THIRTY PM, AUGUST THIRTEEN AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE, TEN SEVENTY TWO LYNCH ST., JACKSON, MISS. RALLIES ARE SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST ELEVEN AT ATLANTA, NASHVILLE AND NEW ORLEANS. INFORMATIN CONCERNING RALLIES AT THESE LATTER POINTS CAN BE OBTAINED, ACCORDING TO

[REDACTED] FROM THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, WHO ARE COOPERATING WITH CORE.. AT NEW ORLEANS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT ATLANTA [REDACTED] OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISITAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE, [REDACTED] AT NASHVILLE

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TO DIRECTOR AND SAC MEMPHIS

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS  
FREEBUS. JAMES MC CAIN, CORE, JACKSON, MISS. ADVISED TODAY THAT ABOUT  
THIRTY-EIGHT OF THE NYC AND WASHINGTON FR IN JACKSON FOR TRIAL AUG.  
FOURTEEN DEPARTED JACKSON TWELVE-FORTY AM AUG. FIFTEEN. THE CHARTERED  
GREYHOUND BUS NO. 6019 FOR WASHINGTON AND NYC. [REDACTED]  
GREYHOUND [REDACTED] JACKSON ADVISED BUS WILL ARRIVE MEMPHIS FOUR-  
FORTYFIVE AM AUG. FIFTEEN. WILL CHANGE BUSES MEMPHIS. WILL ARRIVE  
NASHVILLE ONE PM. ABOVE TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE. WILL MAKE REST STOPS  
AT ABOVE CITIES. WILL CONTINUE WITH REST STOPS, KNOXVILLE AND BRISTOL,  
TENN. AND ROANOKE, VA. TIME OF ARRIVAL THOSE CITIES NOT KNOWN TO [REDACTED]  
SHOULD ARRIVE WASH. D.C., AND NYC EARLY MORNING AUG. SIXTEEN. CORE  
OFFICIALS JACKSON HAVE REQUESTED FR NOT TO TEST FACILITIES ENROUTE.  
MEMPHIS NOTIFY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. ASCERTAIN FUTURE SCHEDULE.  
AFTER BUS ARRIVES NASHVILLE, THEN ADVISE KNOXVILLE, RICHMOND, WFO,  
AND NEW YORK, SO THOSE OFFICES CAN NOTIFY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

FOR INFO BUREAU CORE OFFICIALS EXPECT TO HAVE MOST OF FREEDOM RIDERS  
OUT OF JACKSON BY NIGHT AUG. FIFTEEN.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI, SAC MEMPHIS  
FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS

FREEBUS-- FR IN JACKSON MISS. FOR TRAIL AUGUST FOURTEENTH NOW  
RETURNING TO HOMES. FORTH- ONE FR IN NASHVILLE GROUP DEPARTED  
JACKSON NINE- TWENTY PM. AUGUST FOURTEENTH VIA CHARTED TRAILWAYS BUS  
NUMBER FIVE TWO EIGHT THREE WITH REST STOP SCHEDULED AT MEMPHIS  
BETWEEN ONE AND ONE- THIRTY AM, AUGUST FIFTHTEENTH.

<sup>AB</sup>  
[ ] ADVISED. WILL PROBLEY TRAVEL FROM MEMPHIS TO JACKSON TENN, TO  
PARSONS TENN. THEN HIGHWAY ONE- HUNDRED TO NASHVILLE TENN. HE WILL

BE ABLE TO FURNISH SCHEDUAL ON ARRIVAL AT MEMPHIS. MEMPHIS NOTIFY  
APPROPERATE AUTHORITIES.

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b7DTO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, ATLANTA, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS,  
NEW YORK, RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-35588)

MISCELLANEOUS

FREEBUS - RACIAL MATTERS. RE NEW YORK TEL DATED AUGUST ELEVEN  
LAST. CORE FREEDOM RIDERS ARRIVED WASHINGTON, D. C., EIGHT  
TWENTYSEVEN AM THIS DATE. BUS DEVELOPED MOTOR TROUBLE AFTER  
LEAVING NEW YORK. FREEDOM RIDERS DEPARTED WASHINGTON, D. C.  
AT NINE FORTYTWO AM THIS DATE WITH THIRTYSEVEN PASSENGERS IN  
CHARTERED GREYHOUND BUS NO. SIX TWO SEVEN EIGHT WITH BUS DRIVER

[REDACTED] STATES BUS WILL TRAVEL ON ROUTE NO. TWO

THIRTYSIX TO FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA, NOS. TWENTYNINE AND TWO ELEVEN  
TO WARRENTON, VIRGINIA, NO. TWO ELEVEN TO NEW MARKET, VIRGINIA,  
AND NO. ELEVEN TO ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, WHERE PASSENGERS WILL  
TRANSFER TO ANOTHER BUS. ESTIMATED TRAVEL TIME TO ROANOKE  
FIVE AND A HALF TO SIX HOURS. JAMES FARMER IS LEADER OF CORE  
GROUP. NO INCIDENTS WASHINGTON, D. C. AIRMAIL TO BIRMINGHAM  
AND MOBILE.

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TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

DATE: August 4, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen *2*SUBJECT: FREEBUS *Freedom Riders (MISC)*ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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On 8/3/61 [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] representative, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), received a telegram on the evening of 8/2/61 from James Farmer and another individual of CORE National Headquarters.

The informant was unable to recall the verbatim text of the telegram but advised that in substance it stated that an emergency situation exists, all field secretaries should be alerted for possible immediate transfer, and all freedom riders now free on appeal bond are to return to Jackson, Mississippi, 8/14/61. The informant also stated that the telegram indicated that similar messages were being sent to other CORE officials throughout the country.

It is noted that 174 freedom riders have been released on bond at Jackson, Mississippi. These bonds are returnable in Hinds County Court, Jackson, Mississippi, 8/14/61, which is the first day of the court term.

M. B. Pierce, NA, Chief of Detectives, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, advised on 8/3/61 that County Judge Russel Moore issued a general order on 3/25/60 that all defendants with appeals pending are required to be present on the opening day of court and each day thereafter until final disposition of their cases. This order has been observed since it was entered 3/25/60. Failure to be present when the docket is called could mean forfeiture of the appeal bond. Pierce also advised that Jack Travis, City Prosecutor, has brought this order to the attention of [redacted] attorney for the freedom riders.

J. Robert Gilfoy, Sheriff, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, stated that his office is holding approximately \$87,000 in cash bonds which have been posted by CORE for the

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freedom riders. Sheriff Gilfoy expressed the opinion that CORE may be in financial difficulty as several days ago [redacted] informed him that fifteen freedom riders would post bond. Shortly thereafter, [redacted] informed Sheriff Gilfoy that only seven would make bond as he did not have enough money to post bond for the remaining eight.

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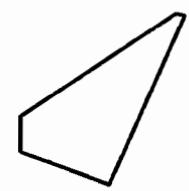
1. A memorandum is being prepared for the Attorney General. *sent 8/4*

2. This matter will be closely followed and pertinent field offices are being instructed to contact appropriate informants and sources for any additional information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 11, 1961

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-13770)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Re New Orleans airtel to the Bureau dated 6/30/61, captioned "Freedom Ride, 1961, RM; CR."

## FREEDOM RIDERS-MISCELLANEOUS

Enclosed herewith are an original and four copies of a letterhead memorandum concerned with [REDACTED] one of the Freedom Riders.

Special Agents who observed [REDACTED] on August 2, 1959: SA's [REDACTED] and ELDON J. MUELLER. Special Agent who observed [REDACTED] on September 21, 1959: SA [REDACTED]

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and T symbols were used only in necessary instances.

MI T-1 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Florida.

The letterhead memorandum has been classified confidential because information reported from MI T-1 could reasonably result in identification of an informant of continuing value and compromise his future effectiveness.

Sources used to characterize the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee: [REDACTED]

Sources used to characterize the Wisconsin Socialist Club: [REDACTED] 12/10/57; [REDACTED] 6/23/58 and 9/20/60; and [REDACTED] 11/30/60.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
July 11, 1961

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RE: [redacted]

On July 16, 1960 [redacted]

[redacted] Wisconsin, telephoned the Milwaukee Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to report that [redacted] apparently had been associating with a man who might be a Communist propagandist. [redacted] Milwaukee. *Wisc. Conf. July 1960*

[redacted] said [redacted] was graduated from the University of Wisconsin (UW), Madison, Wisconsin, in June, 1960. During his university days he read material and several books on topics such as the Ukraine and Red China, all written by [redacted] in fact had recently shown an interest in the Communist viewpoint and just that day [redacted] received a letter from [redacted] the return address of which had been The American Embassy, Port au Prince, Tahiti.

On August 17, 1960 [redacted] New Jersey, appeared at the Resident Agency in Madison, Wisconsin of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and gave the following information about [redacted] whom she was then looking for. [redacted] at the beginning of the 1960 semester, appeared at Irvington with another UW student named [redacted] about 24 or 25 years of age, and on her visit to [redacted] she expressed great admiration for a professor in the University's History Department, William Williams who considered Fidel Castro the "Man of the Hour" and who, [redacted] said, advised her personally to take a trip to Cuba to see for herself how things are going there. [redacted] also told [redacted] that Professor Williams had characterized as "phonies" both George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

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[redacted] to go to Cuba as they intended but [redacted] gave [redacted] the money for the trip anyway and the two young people then left New Jersey.

[redacted] went on to say that through some friends of hers in Irvington, she succeeded in stopping them from going to Cuba although the couple did make a trip to Haiti, returning to Irvington during August, 1960. Although they had not called personally on her there, [redacted] spoke to her over the telephone and [redacted] later found out that [redacted] had given [redacted] an additional \$75 so the young couple could rent a car there and drive back to Madison.

[redacted] added that when she suggested to [redacted] that Professor Williams' views might be Communistic, [redacted] vigorously denied the suggestion.

[redacted] was again in touch with the Madison Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation the following day. She said she had telephoned [redacted] in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and [redacted] had told her that [redacted] since studying psychology, had become completely unpredictable in behavior and [redacted] [redacted] heard very little from him.

[redacted] added that [redacted] would be [redacted]

The Wisconsin State Journal, Madison, Wisconsin, June 3, 1961, reported that Professor William A. Williams of the University of Wisconsin History Department had been subpoenaed to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington, D.C., evidently in connection with investigation of the Fund for Social Analysis. The Journal said the fund was a small volunteer group organized for the "purpose of aiding research on problems in Marxist theory and its application to social analysis".

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed [redacted] in attendance at meetings of the Wisconsin Socialist Club, Madison, on August 2, 1959 and September 21, 1959.

On December 23, 1960 MI T-1, with whom insufficient contact has been made to judge the reliability of his information but who is in a position to furnish such information, advised that a group of 204 persons made arrangements to travel to Cuba for a Christmas tour on Cubania Airlines, the tour sponsored by the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee."

MI T-1 added that among these 204 were [redacted] and [redacted] the address of each listed in the arrangement plans as [redacted] Wisconsin.

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A characterization of the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" appears in the Appendix pages of this memorandum.

On December 28, 1960 [redacted] U.S. Customs, Miami International Airport, advised that the passenger list for Cubana Airlines flight 803B of December 23, 1960 included the names of [redacted]

On January 10, 1961 the Daily Cardinal, a campus publication of the UW, Madison, Wisconsin, published an article headlined, "'U' students see Cuban advances; heavy support for Castro noted." The following quotation was taken from that article:

"Great economic and social progress have resulted from the Cuban revolution, according to eight out of nine university students who toured Cuba during Christmas vacation.

"The tour was organized by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in cooperation with the Cuban government. Each student said he was in Cuba for the first time to gain a better understanding of the revolution.

"All nine students agreed that they had complete freedom of movement and were received in a friendly manner by the Cubans.

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"They noticed that Cubans often differentiated from the American people and the American Government, which the Cubans considered to be hostile toward their country ...."

"Those who were sympathetic with the achievements of the revolution are .... Jim Wahlstrom, senior psychology major; Andrea Morell, History major ...."

On January 9, 1961 and again on February 1, 1961 [redacted] advised [redacted] WISC/ the Federal Bureau of Investigation that she took [redacted] TII the Christmas Holiday tour to Cuba sponsored by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee at the expense of the [redacted] on her return. She gave the names of [redacted] people who went with her along with her evaluation of those persons. She said the tour left Chicago, Illinois by air and arrived Miami December 23, 1960 from where they took a Cubana Airlines flight to Havana. They left Havana January 1, 1961 and came back to Madison the following day.

Among the persons she identified as accompanying her on her trip were [redacted]

[redacted] said she had not gotten to know [redacted] but that [redacted] appeared extremely enthusiastic about what she saw in Cuba and thought the revolution was wonderful.

[redacted] Milwaukee, mentioned above, advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation on February 16, 1961 that [redacted] at Madison, and [redacted] [redacted] had traveled to Cuba over the preceding Christmas Holiday. He said [redacted] told him the group was sponsored by a "Socialist" club, adding that he had been asked to join the Communist Party three times during the trip.

Capital Times, Madison, Wisconsin, in its issue of June 6, 1961 published an article headlined "Local Man Arrested as 'Rider'." The article read partially as follows:

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"Seven more 'Freedom Riders,' including one reportedly from Madison, Wis., were arrested in Jackson, Miss., today as they arrived aboard a bus from New Orleans.

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"The Madison rider was identified as James Wahlstrom, 24.

"The seven were arrested as they stepped into a segregated waiting room in the Jackson bus terminal.

"The group arrived shortly before noon, convened outside their bus, then marched into the waiting room reserved for whites.

"They stood just inside the door, apparently waiting to be arrested. A police officer ordered them to 'move on' and took them into custody when they ignored his order.

"The group included five whites and two Negroes, a boy and a girl. The Negro girl smiled throughout the proceedings.

"Six of the riders sat in a row of waiting room chairs to give officers their names while the seventh -- Newell Weber, a gray-haired photographer -- told newsmen why he made the trip:

"I believe that interstate passengers should be able to use all bus station facilities. I really believe that.'...."

On June 23, 1961 the Daily Cardinal, UW, reported an article headlined "Freedom Rides Supported in Rally, March Thursday".

The article read partially as follows:

"Despite the threat of rain Thursday afternoon over 150 University students and Madison residents rallied in front of the Union, then marched to Capitol Square in protest of the imprisonment of 100 Freedom Riders in southern jails.

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"The purpose of the rally .... was to carry a petition to Governor Nelson in the Capitol asking him to intercede on behalf of the Wisconsin citizen, former University student James Wahlstrom, who is one of the Freedom Riders who are in Jackson City Jail on charges of disturbing the peace while riding interstate busses, eating at station restaurants and using station restrooms...."

On June 27, 1961 the Milwaukee Journal published an article headlined, "Bad Treatment Told By Freedom Rider." The article appears in full following:

"James Wahlstrom, a Milwaukeean who was one of the 'freedom riders' imprisoned in Mississippi, said in an interview here Tuesday that two of his fellow prisoners had been dragged naked through a concrete corridor after they had refused to walk to their cells.

"We could hear them screaming," Wahlstrom said.

"Wahlstrom was released from prison at Parchman, Miss., on a \$500 bond on Saturday and flew back to Madison where he had been a student.

"That was the day his father, John, 65, died of a heart ailment here. Young Wahlstrom talked to a reporter before his father's funeral here Tuesday.

#### "SEVEN GET RELEASE

"Wahlstrom said he and six other freedom riders had arranged to leave the prison at this time so that they could tell about the conditions there and the treatment the freedom riders had received.

He said many of his letters from the prison had never been received by friends in Wisconsin, and that he had not received letters which had been mailed to him.

"The Milwaukeean and other freedom riders were arrested at Jackson, Miss., June 6 and transferred to Parchman prison June 15. That, he said, was the day two men -- Felix Singer and Terry Sullivan, both of Chicago --

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"were dragged down a prison corridor.

"The story of that incident also was told Monday by another released freedom rider, Kenneth Shilman, 18, of Oceanside, N.Y., and was reported by the Associated Press.

#### "BAD TREATMENT DENIED

"In Jackson, according to the Associated Press, the Hinds county sheriff, J. R. Gilfof, denied any inhuman treatment of freedom riders. He said Singer and Sullivan were dragged when they had refused to move.

"Wahlstrom said that the normal procedure would have been to carry the prisoners who would not strip and walk to their cells. He said he believed the dragging was a "slipup" and that he was sure Gov. Ross Barnett of Mississippi was angry when he heard about it.

"The governor, Wahlstrom said, undoubtedly had instructed state officials not to use violence in handling the freedom riders. He said the governor wanted to keep 'a semblance of law and order' so that the public spotlight would not be on Mississippi and little attention would be paid to what happened to the freedom riders after they were arrested.

"Their cases, he said, could drag on in Mississippi courts for years. Wahlstrom, 24, of 2623 W. Grant Blvd., was to have served a term of 127 days on a charge of breach of the peace.

"He was on a hunger strike for 12 days, but he said he stopped it because there was no publicity about it and that the only purpose of the strike had been to draw the public attention to the situation in Mississippi.

"Wahlstrom said he and other freedom riders were in the maximum security section of the prison in small cells, about 10 by 5 feet, occupied by two men each.

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"The prisoners, he said, were not allowed books and got no exercise. They left the cells just twice a week to take showers. He also said lights were left on in the halls night and day, and that the men were clad only in underwear.

"Wahlstrom said they were cold much of the time. He said they had only sheets on their bunks and that air conditioning was left on at night.

"Women freedom riders, he noted, also had been imprisoned, but he said he did not know under what conditions they lived.

"He said conditions in Jackson had been considerably better than they were at Parchman.

"Electric shockers, of the type used on livestock, were used on Singer and Sullivan, Wahlstrom said.

"I've heard they were also used at Auschwitz (the notorious Nazi concentration camp),' Wahlstrom said..

#### "BLOODSHED IS CITED

"He also observed that 'the American people apparently rise to moral fury only when they see bloodshed, when they see something like the Wisconsin kid who was beaten.' Newspapers carried a picture of James Zwerg, an Appleton freedom rider, who was splattered with blood after he was beaten by a mob in Montgomery, Ala., in May.

"But, Wahlstrom said, apparently the American people were willing to tolerate people going to prison on sentences which he described as travesties of justice.

"If this is the case,' Wahlstrom said, 'then I'm afraid civil rights and democracy really don't exist in America.'

"He said that if a public beating were required to move Americans to sympathy, then one could expect the policies of Barnett, 'an ignorant governor in Mississippi,' to succeed."

The article carried a picture of James Wahlstrom.



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On June 30, 1961 the Milwaukee Journal reported in an article headlined "Links 'Rider', Red Session," that the head of the Mississippi Highway Patrol, T.B. Birdsong told a newspaper conference the preceding Thursday that a Milwaukee freedom rider had attended a Cuba meeting dominated by Communists identifying the rider as James R. Wahlstrom, 24 of 2623 W. Grant Blvd., a former UW student in Madison. Wahlstrom, the Journal said, had returned to Madison after attending the funeral of his father John M. Wahlstrom.

The article reported that Birdsong, Jackson, Mississippi, told the conference that Wahlstrom had participated in February in a Soviet-directed seminar in Cuba designed to teach students the tactics of the sit-in, walk-in, kneel-in, and freedom ride. The article added that the Associated Press quoted Birdsong as saying the Freedom Riders were "Communist backed, pawns in the hands of Communist powers that be".

The Journal reported further that "at Madison Wahlstrom told the AP Thursday night that he went to Cuba last Christmas with other UW students who were members of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee."

"'But as far as I know I never talked with a single Russian during my entire Cuban visit,' Wahlstrom said". 'Certainly there was no Soviet Seminar for Freedom Riders'...."

On July 3, 1961 the Milwaukee Sentinel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, carried an article headlined, "Denies 'Rider' Red Link Statement." The following quotation was taken from that article:

"The head of the Mississippi State Highway Patrol denied Sunday he made a statement to the press about James Wahlstrom, 24, a Freedom Rider from Milwaukee, who is now out on bail.

"The official brigadier general T.B. Birdsong was quoted in press service accounts as saying

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"Wahlstrom .... attended a Communist-directed seminar in Cuba to learn anti-Segregation tactics.

"Wahlstrom .... denied the charge ....

"Birdsong said 'it was stated by someone other than myself that Wahlstrom was one of the two arrested freedom riders who attended the Cuban seminar'....

"Mr. Wahlstrom could perhaps clear up the misunderstanding in certain quarters if he would reveal the truth or untruth of the matter, what transpired in Cuba and who financed the trips to Cuba and to Mississippi.'...."

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC)

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contains a full page advertisement captioned, "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the FPCC. This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City, listed various sponsors of the Committee and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press on Cuban affairs.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. CHARLES A. SANTOS-BUCH identified himself as one of the organizers of the FPCC. Also, Dr. SANTOS-BUCH identified ROBERT TABER as a co-organizer of the FPCC and said TABER drafted the aforementioned FPCC advertisement. Dr. SANTOS-BUCH further testified that he and TABER obtained \$3,500 from the Cuban Government through the son of Cuba's Foreign Minister, which funds, along with about \$1,100 collected from supporters of the FPCC, paid for the cost of aforementioned advertisement in "The New York Times".

On October 3, 1960, a source advised that the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in New York had become active in the FPCC, and that SWP members, in a recent FPCC election, had been able to remove several Communist Party members who were on the Executive Board of the FPCC and gain control of the organization. This source asserted that the SWP members believed that they had achieved a great influence in the course of the Cuban revolution through their control of the FPCC.

On February 10, 1961, a second source advised that PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary and member of the National Committee, CP, USA, had reportedly stated recently that the FPCC had been captured by the Trotskyites, but that the CP had not given up in the FPCC.

The SWP and the CP, USA, have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

APPENDIX

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The Attorney General

August 16, 1961

Director, FBI

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FREEDOM RIDER 1961

RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF  
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS

Our Houston Office advised that a telephone call was received, on the afternoon of August 15, 1961, from an individual who identified himself as [redacted] further identified himself as [redacted] in Austin, Texas, who was establishing a law practice in Houston.

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[redacted] stated he had just spoken with [redacted] of your office and to Mr. Walter Jenkins, Administrative Assistant to Vice President Johnson.

[redacted] was insistent that immediate action be taken by our Houston Office to obtain the release of freedom riders [redacted] who were arrested in Houston on August 11, 1961, along with a group of freedom riders from Los Angeles. According to [redacted]

[redacted] He indicated an [redacted] situation would be created unless these two individuals were released from jail before morning. He demanded that an immediate examination be made [redacted] of the two freedom riders and that action be taken to enforce existing Federal laws, adding that he had been advised by the Vice President's office that such arrests were illegal according to a recent ruling by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Local newspapers carried accounts of the arrests in Houston of the above-mentioned group of freedom riders on August 11, 1961. They were charged with unlawful assembly after local authorities refused to arrest them until the manager of the Union Station restaurant had obtained warrants against them. You were previously advised by my memorandum of August 10, 1961, concerning the plans of this group to test facilities in Houston. That memorandum contained information indicating that [redacted]

[redacted] of the Independent Student Union, who

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was formed in March, 1960, and is [redacted] a member of the Southern California District Communist Party. [redacted] [redacted] is on the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA.

Arrest records at the Houston Police Department indicate that [redacted] claimed to have been born at [redacted] and was listed as [redacted] listed her birthplace as [redacted] was indicated.

It was pointed out to [redacted] that the arrests were made by local authorities on local charges. In the absence of a request from the Department no action is being taken in this matter.

We will continue to provide the Department with pertinent developments in this matter.

- 1 - Mr. Syron R. White  
Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
Eunice Marshall
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General  
J. Walter Yeagley

Note: Records of Houston PD show birthplace of [redacted] as [redacted] according to Houston teletype 8/16/61.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

8/4/61

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-336)

SUBJECT:

FREEDOM RIDE <sup>17115C</sup> 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI TO  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
7/10/61 - 7/15/61  
RACIAL MATTER - CIVIL RIGHTS

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Re New Orleans teletype to Bureau, St. Louis and Little Rock, 7/9/61 entitled "FREEBUS; CR; RACIAL MATTERS.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding the activities of the Freedom Riders in the New Orleans Division. Enclosed for St. Louis and Little Rock are two copies each of the memorandum. St. Louis and Little Rock should submit the results of the activity in their territories in either report form or letterhead memorandum for the Bureau and New Orleans.

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI TO  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
7/10/61 - 7/15/61

On July 9, 1961 Mr. JAMES MC CAIN, Field Representative, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), advised that five freedom riders were scheduled to leave St. Louis, Missouri on July 10, 1961 enroute to Little Rock, Arkansas, Shreveport and New Orleans, Louisiana via Trailways bus to test facilities enroute. He stated that one of them will be a white male, one a white female, two colored males and a colored female.

On July 9, 1961 Captain [redacted] Intelligence Unit, New Orleans Police Department; HARVEY TEASLEY, Chief of Police, Shreveport, Louisiana; and Lt. [redacted] Louisiana State Police, Troop G, Shreveport, Louisiana, were advised of the impending trip by freedom riders.

On July 10, 1961 [redacted] a representative of CORE at Shreveport, Louisiana, who stated he attends Dillard University in New Orleans and was arrested on the first freedom ride arriving in Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the freedom riders from St. Louis planned to stay overnight in Shreveport, Louisiana upon arriving there. He related that he did not have any basis for any trouble expected in Shreveport, but stated that he believed if there is any trouble in Louisiana, it would be in Shreveport.

On July 13, 1961 [redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana, advised that the freedom riders will leave Little Rock, Arkansas at 4 a.m. on July 14, 1961 by Trailways bus enroute to Shreveport, Louisiana and will arrive at 11:30 a.m. They will not test any facilities upon arrival and he said he did not know how long they will stay in Shreveport or where they will stay. He identified the riders as [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Upon receipt of the above information, Chief of Police HARVEY TEASLEY, JAMES M. GOSLIN, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and Troop G of the Louisiana State Police, were advised of the above information. At the same time [redacted] Agent, CIC Group, Shreveport, Louisiana, was similarly advised.

On July 14, 1961 [redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana, advised that upon arrival at Shreveport, Louisiana, [redacted] would go to the home of [redacted] Shreveport, Louisiana and [redacted] would go to the home of Reverend [redacted] Shreveport. (u)

On July 14, 1961 at 10:45 a.m. Special Agents of the FBI observed officers of the Shreveport Police Department and Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office had taken positions at all intersections located one block from the intersection of Fannin and Edwards Sts. in Shreveport. Shreveport Police Department officers were directing automobile traffic and no car was allowed to drive down Fannin St. from Marshall or Edwards Sts. No traffic was allowed to turn off Travis St. onto Edwards St. going north toward the bus depot. Caddo Parish deputies were stopping all unauthorized persons on foot and not allowing them to enter the area within one-half block of the bus depot. At 11 a.m. there were approximately ten uniformed Deputy Sheriffs, five uniformed officers of the Police Department together with four detectives in plain clothes stationed inside the bus depot. These officers were under the command of Caddo Parish Sheriff J. HOWELL FLOURNOY and Chief of Police HARVEY D. TEASLEY who, together with J. EARL DOWNS, Commissioner of Public Safety, arrived on the scene about 10:30 a.m. The officers in the station were observed inquiring of several individuals in the depot concerning their business in the depot.

At 11:15 a.m. [redacted] an employee of the [redacted] a resident of [redacted] Shreveport and [redacted] was observed standing in the Fannin St. entrance to the bus depot. From 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. approximately 100 persons, both colored and white, were observed standing at the intersections of Marshall and Fannin Sts., Fannin and Edwards Sts., Travis and Edwards St. and in the parking lot on Fannin St. across from the bus depot.



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The Trailways bus carrying the four freedom riders arrived on the west ramp of the depot at 11:25 a.m. on July 14, 1961. On alighting from the bus Reverend [ ] was surrounded by reporters of the newspaper, radio and television media. Sheriff FLOURNOY, Chief of Police TEASLEY and Commissioner DOWNS were observed to introduce themselves to Reverend [ ] and were heard to inquire concerning the plans of the group. They were told by [ ] that the group intended to rest in Shreveport and remain overnight. The other three individuals, Reverend [ ]

[ ] talked briefly with two newsmen while obtaining their baggage. At 11:38 a.m. the four individuals walked to the front of the bus depot where they were met by [ ] Shreveport CORE representative and another individual who escorted them from the vicinity of the bus depot. They made no effort to test facilities in Shreveport.

[ ] a daily newspaper at Shreveport, Louisiana, advised on July 14, 1961 that he interviewed [ ] on arrival in Texarkana, Arkansas. [ ] said she did not expect that the group of freedom riders would be arrested in Little Rock and she hoped they would not be arrested in Shreveport. [ ] identified himself as a Methodist preacher from Setucket, Long Island, New York. [ ] stated that he drove from Texarkana to Shreveport arriving ahead of the bus and he again talked to the group at Shreveport. At this time Reverend [ ] said that he was one of the original freedom riders in Alabama, that he planned to stay in Shreveport if the social climate were favorable and he declined to say how long the group would remain in Shreveport.

On July 14, 1961 [ ] Shreveport, advised that the four freedom riders who had

arrived at Shreveport that day would leave by Trailways bus at 2 a.m., July 15, 1961 enroute to New Orleans. He stated they would be accompanied by five to ten additional riders recruited in Shreveport and that they would test bus station facilities in Shreveport prior to departure.

At 1:20 a.m., July 15, 1961 [redacted] Shreveport, advised that the freedom riders would arrive at the bus station at 1:45 a.m. accompanied by seven additional freedom riders who had been recruited in Shreveport. He said there would be nine additional individuals with the group to see them off, making a total of about 20 to arrive at the bus station at 1:45 a.m.

The above information, upon receipt, was furnished to Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office and Chief of Police HARVEY TEASLEY and Troop G of the Louisiana State Police, Shreveport, Louisiana.

[redacted] advised at 2:15 a.m. on July 15, 1961 that he did not have the identities of the other individuals who tested the facilities at the Trailways bus station at Shreveport by entering the white waiting room. These individuals had presented tickets to Waskom, Texas so they would have a legitimate reason for being at the station. After they left the white waiting room they returned to their homes in Shreveport. He related that [redacted] not further identified, joined the freedom riders and was accompanying them to New Orleans.

Special Agents of the FBI observed at 1:30 a.m. on July 15, 1961 that approximately ten deputies from the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office under the direction of [redacted] and the same number of uniformed officers from the Shreveport Police Department under the direction of Chief of Police HARVEY TEASLEY and Public Safety Commissioner J. EARL DOWNS were on duty at the bus depot at Fannin and Edwards St., Shreveport. Additional officers were located at the intersections in the vicinity of the bus station. At 1:50 a.m. a group consisting of four colored males, five colored females, one white woman and one white male entered the white waiting room of the bus station and walked through the center of the waiting room. This group was immediately approached by Chief of Police HARVEY TEASLEY, Chief Deputy Sheriff [redacted] and Public Safety Commissioner J. EARL DOWNS. Chief of Police TEASLEY was observed to engage Reverend [redacted] who acted

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/4/61

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-26)

SUBJECT: *Freedom Riders - 11/501*  
FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS M4446  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 11, 1961  
RM; CR

OO: NEW ORLEANS

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Re report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated July 13, 1961, at New Orleans.

No letterhead memorandum on [redacted] (Bureau File 100-416554) is being submitted because her activities have been regularly reported by the Minneapolis Office. The most recent annual report on her was submitted July 21, 1961, by Minneapolis.

In regard to [redacted] (Bureau File 100-409021) the Bureau is in possession of a report of SA [redacted] dated February 12, 1954, at Minneapolis.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one (1) copy of a letterhead memorandum dated March 7, 1961, at Minneapolis, concerning [redacted] Minneapolis has no additional subversive information concerning this person.

Minneapolis files contain no pertinent subversive information on [redacted] and no letterhead memoranda are being prepared on them.

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2-Bureau (Enc. 1) (RM)  
2-New Orleans (157-301) (RM)  
1-Minneapolis  
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**ADDENDUM:**

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**MP T-3 is**

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**Characterization of**

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**MP T-5 is**

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**Characterization of  
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

This letterhead memorandum is being classified ~~confidential~~ because data contained therein from MP T-3, MP T-4, and MP T-8 through MP T-11 could reasonably result in the disclosure of sources and informants of continuing value and compromise the effectiveness thereof.

In the preparation of this letterhead memorandum, serials 30 through 99 of subject's master file were reviewed and incorporated where pertinent.

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To: SAC, Minneapolis (157-26)

From: Director, FBI

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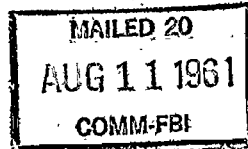
FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS M4446  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JUNE 11, 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Reurlet 8/4/61. Rerep of SA Hunter E. Helgeson, 7/13/61  
at New Orleans.

Promptly submit letterhead memorandum setting forth  
pertinent subversive information from your files on members of  
captioned freedom ride. The fact that this information has been  
furnished to the Bureau previously in other forms does not relieve  
you of the necessity of furnishing a letterhead memorandum, inasmuch  
as Bureau desires to furnish such information concerning freedom  
riders to the appropriate interested Government agencies.

Submit original and seven copies of letterhead memorandum.

1- New Orleans (Info) (157-301)



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Date: 8/3/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-246)

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SUBJECT: CORE, RACIAL MATTERS;  
FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS*Free Riders*  
Re Jacksonville tel to Bureau 8/2/61.

Enclosed herewith is original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned and dated as above at Jacksonville, Florida, pertaining to a notice of appeal filed by Miami attorney [redacted] who represents the ten "Freedom Riders" sentenced City Court, Tallahassee, Florida, 6/22/61 on unlawful assembly charges in connection with their attempt to integrate the local Tallahassee airport restaurant.

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This matter is being closely followed and the Bureau will be kept advised of the progress of this appeal.

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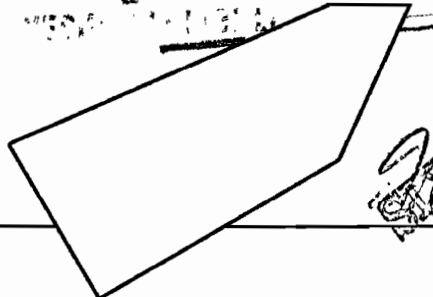
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Congress of Racial Equality  
"FREEBUS"  
(Interfaith Group)

On August 2, 1961, [redacted]  
Tallahassee, Florida, advised that on the afternoon of  
August 1, 1961, Attorney [redacted] of Miami, Florida, filed  
a Notice of Appeal in City Court, Tallahassee, Florida, in  
behalf of the ten interfaith "Freedom Riders" sentenced  
City Court at Tallahassee, Florida, June 22, 1961, on  
unlawful assembly charges in connection with their attempt  
to integrate the local airport restaurant. Attorney [redacted]  
stated in instant Notice that the convictions of the group  
will be appealed to the Florida Supreme Court, asking the  
Court to review the Order and Judgment of the City Court.

[redacted] remarked that to date the transcript of the  
proceedings in City Court on June 22, 1961, have not yet  
been completed, adding that instant appeal will be docketed  
with the Florida Supreme Court as soon as the trial transcript  
is received by Ed Hill, City Prosecutor.

This document contains neither recommendations  
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI  
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URGENT 8-13-61 6-24 PM EST BJC

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW ORLEANS

FROM SAC, ATLANTA /157-232/ 1P

FREEBUS, RM, POSSIBLE BM. APPROXIMATELY SEVEN FORTY FIVE AM

TODAY [REDACTED] ATLANTA JOURNAL NEWSPAPER,

RECEIVED CALL FROM UNKNOWN PERSON STATING THAT QUOTE IF [REDACTED]  
AND [REDACTED] ARE ON THAT PLANE TODAY, THEY WILL BE SORRY UNQUOTE.

[REDACTED] NOTIFIED ATLANTA PD WHICH NOTIFIED ATLANTA AIRPORT PATROL.  
AIRPORT PATROL NOTIFIED THIS OFFICE. ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH CIC,  
FT. MC PHERSON, GA. NOTIFIED OF THREAT ELEVEN THIRTYEIGHT AM.

[REDACTED] IS FREEDOM RIDER.

[REDACTED] IS ANOTHER FREEDOM RIDER GOING TO JACKSON,  
MISS., FOR TRIAL SCHEDULED TOMORROW. OTHER FREEDOM RIDERS ARE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALL DEPARTED ON DELTA FLIGHT  
SEVEN ONE ONE, FOUR PM TODAY. DELTA EMPLOYEES SEARCHED LUGGAGE  
OF ALL PASSENGERS AND FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF EXPLOSIVE. LETTERHEAD  
MEMO BEING SUBMITTED.

END ACK PLS

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URGENT 8-14-61 7-15 PM CST TJB

TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264 1-P

*Freedom Riders - Miss*  
FREEBUS. FR TRAIL AT JACKSON, MISS., ADJOURNED AT FIVE PM CST TODAY

AFTER COMPLETION OF CALLING DOCKET. FR LEFT COURT IN ORDERLY FASHION,  
NO INCIDENTS REPORTED. JACK TRAVIS, CITY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ADVISED  
THAT BASED ON UNVERIFIED FIGURES IT APPEARS THAT ABOUT ONE NINE ZERO  
FR ANSWERED DOCKET CALL. NINE DID NOT ANSWER DOCKET CALL. THREE OF  
THOSE NOT ANSWERING ARE IN JAIL NEW ORLEANS AND THEIR CASES SET OVER  
ON AGREEMENT OF ATTORNEYS, SIX BONDS WERE ORDERED FORFEITED, TRAIL DATES  
WERE ASSIGNED ALL FR ANSWERING DOCKET CALL. NAMES OF THOSE ANSWERING  
AND TRAIL DATES WILL BE OBTAINED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. FIRST TRAIL  
SET FOR AUG. TWENTYTWO NEXT. TWO TRAILS A DAY, FIVE DAYS A WEEK  
SCHEDULED UNTIL COMPLETION. CORE OFFICIALS ADVISE FR WILL LEAVE JACKSON  
AS SOON AS TRANSPORTATION CAN BE SCHEDULED COMMENCING TONIGHT. NO TRAVEL  
DETAILS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF SIX PM,  
AUG. FOURTEEN. NO FR RELEASED SINCE AUG. THIRTEEN SUMMARY. TOTAL  
ARRESTED TWO NINE SEVEN, RELEASED ON BOND ONE NINE NINE, PAID FINE FOUR,  
RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE, RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR, RELEASED EXPIRATION  
SENTENCE ONE, NET IN CUSTODY EIGHTY SEVEN. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING  
AT HINDS COUNTY AND JACKSON CITY JAIL.

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9-18 PM OK FBI WA WS

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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URGENT 8-14-61 2-58 PM WFM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1 P

FREEBUS. ~~FR~~ ARRIVED AT HINDS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, JACKSON, MISS. IN  
THREE BUSES AND THREE CARS AT ONE FORTY TWO PM CST. WERE ESCORTED  
FROM TOUGALOO COLLEGE BY SO CARS. FR ENTERED COURTHOUSE IN ORDERLY  
FASHION . ABOUT TEN PEDESTRAINS, ONLOOKERS PRESENT, ABOUT FIFTY  
UNIFORMED POLICE IN COURTHOUSE AREA. COURT CONVENED AT TWO PM.  
LOWER FLOOR OF COURT ROOM FILLED WITH DEFENDANTS, COURT OFFICIALS  
AND PRESS, WITH SOME PRESS IN BALCONY. NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED.  
EXACT NUMBER FRs PRESENT IN COURT NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME, BUT TOTAL  
ESTIMATED AT ONE SEVENTY. NO INSTANCES REPORTED OTHER THAN  
UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL PHONED SO AND REPORTED THAT NEGRO FRs  
ON BUSES ENROUTE COURTHOUSE YELLED AT WHITE GIRLS AS THEY PASSED.

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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: July 31, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

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DATE 6/22/00 BY 4386021

With respect to the [redacted] student, [redacted] who participated in a freedom ride to Jackson, Mississippi, July 29, 1961, the following developments have been reported:

The group of freedom riders, which had been enlarged from nine to ten individuals, arrived at Jackson at 12:38 p.m., July 29, 1961. The entire group, consisting of five white females and five white males, entered the Negro waiting room. When they refused to leave on orders of the police, all but the [redacted] student and a [redacted] member of the group [redacted] were placed under arrest. Although he expressed a desire to be arrested with the others and did not want to leave the bus station willingly, the [redacted] was escorted to the police station by the Captain of Detectives. He had only a small sum of money in his possession and arrangements were made by police for him to stay with a bachelor Associated Press reporter who has had some experience with [redacted]. Arrangements are being worked out by the local police and the Department of State, in concert with [redacted] to return the student to Washington, D. C. According to the Captain of Detectives, [redacted] is not anxious to return to Washington, D. C.

We have learned that the Governor of Mississippi was initially in favor of arresting [redacted] but finally agreed with the Captain of Detectives that he should not be arrested since he was a visitor from a friendly nation. As you know, our New Orleans Office was instrumental in arrangements which were worked out between the State Department and the local authorities to handle this matter and our excellent relations with the Captain of Detectives was undoubtedly of great value in this regard. The Captain of Detectives has advised that State Department officials now feel the [redacted] student should be arrested if he violates any local law in the future since he has already been accorded every consideration.

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The Civil Rights Division and the State Department, Office of Security, have been kept advised on a continuing basis of developments in this matter. A memorandum is being prepared for the Attorney General, highlighting pertinent developments for his information.

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Enclosure  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Evans  
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Date: July 31, 1961

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (95-97032) DATE 11-12-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264B)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS *0* *FREEDOM RIDERS MISC.*  
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Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau dated July 24, 1961.

The following are cumulative costs incurred in this case in the New Orleans Division as of close of business July 29, 1961:

|          | <u>Regular Hours</u> | <u>Overtime Hours</u> |
|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Agents   | 829                  | 467                   |
| Clerical | 733                  | 21                    |

Miles driven: 4,618

As of July 1, 1961, a bill was issued in amount of \$474.12 for the direct line which operated between Jackson, Miss., and Montgomery, Ala. This unusual expense was not included in previous reports.

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Date: 8/3/61

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-250)

SUBJECT: "FREEBUS"  
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Re Jacksonville airtel to Bureau, 7/19/61.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned "FREEDOM RIDERS" (SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP) suitable for dissemination.

Information contained in this memorandum was furnished by Assistant State Attorney OWEN McGOVERN, 5th Judicial District in and for Marion County, Ocala, Florida to SA [redacted] on 8/2/61.

This matter will be closely followed and the Bureau will be advised of the disposition of the cases pending in Ocala, Fla.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Jacksonville, Florida  
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"FREEDOM RIDERS"  
(SECTION TWO, PROFESSIONAL GROUP)

On July 31, 1961 Freedom Riders [redacted]  
Albany, New York, and [redacted] New York City,  
filed through their attorney [redacted] Jacksonville,  
Florida notice of appeal in circuit court Marion County, Ocala,  
Florida. The actual appeal must be filed by August 17, 1961  
at which time a date will be set for a hearing on the appeal  
before Circuit Judge D. R. Smith.

Both were sentenced on July 17, 1961 on charge of  
unlawful assembly for which they were found guilty by six-man  
jury at separate trials on July 7, 1961. Both [redacted]  
are free on \$1,000.00 bonds each.

The above information has been discussed with [redacted]  
[redacted] Military Intelligence (CIC), Jacksonville, Florida  
on a continuing basis.

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conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, NEWARK (157-628)  
 SUBJECT: FREEBUS *Freedom Riders-Misc.*

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Re New Orleans teletype 7/21/61.

Enclosed are eight copies for the Bureau and two copies for New Orleans and one information copy for New Haven of a letterhead memorandum captioned, Freedom Ride, 1961, Greyhound Bus, Nashville, Tennessee, to Jackson, Miss. 7/21/61.

Newark indices reflect no information identifiable with [redacted]

NK T-1 referred to in the enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted] who furnished information to SA ANDREW R. BABYAK on a confidential basis inasmuch as he had received this information from a confidential source within [redacted]

For the information of New Haven, re teletype reflects that on 7/21/61 [redacted] was one of four freedom riders arrested at the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Jackson, Miss. Newark was requested to check indices, credit and criminal records re [redacted] and to furnish pertinent information by letterhead memorandum under caption of enclosed LM. It was directed that eight copies of this LM be furnished the Bureau and two to New Orleans.

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New Haven will check pertinent records and indices re [redacted] and submit info as instructed above.

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FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS, NASHVILLE,  
TENNESSEE, TO JACKSON,  
MISSISSIPPI, JULY 21, 1961

On August 1, 1961, [redacted] Credit Bureau  
of Central, New Jersey, Plainfield, New Jersey, advised  
that his records reflect no information identifiable with  
[redacted]

On July 26, 1961, [redacted]  
Westfield, New Jersey [redacted] advised that  
his records reflect no information identifiable with [redacted]  
[redacted]

On August 2, 1961, NK T-1, who has furnished  
reliable information in the past, advised that in September,  
1960 [redacted] was employed by [redacted]  
[redacted] retained this position until [redacted]  
when she resigned stating [redacted]

At the time of her employment [redacted] gave her *MISS*  
permanent address as [redacted]  
She also indicated that her prior employment for the years  
[redacted] was at [redacted]  
Wisconsin.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] Minneapolis Retail  
Credit Association, advised August 2, 1961, that her records  
reflect that [redacted] born [redacted] has been  
on record at that office since February 14, 1961, and has been  
a student at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, since  
September, 1960.

He resides at [redacted]  
and was employed from [redacted] as a  
[redacted] at the University of  
Minnesota. He is [redacted] a 1959 graduate of Oberlin  
College. His home is in [redacted]  
[redacted] who has an apartment at [redacted] His  
father is [redacted] Pennsylvania [redacted] banks at  
the [redacted]  
[redacted] where he maintained a balance in  
the low four figures. He has credit accounts with Shell Oil  
Company, Mobil Oil Company, and Phillips Petroleum Company.  
He owns a [redacted] for which he paid cash. [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] Identification Division,  
Minneapolis Police Department, and [redacted]  
[redacted] Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, advised on August  
2, 1961, that they have no identification records for [redacted]  
[redacted]

The files of the Minneapolis FBI contain no information  
concerning [redacted]

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/4/61

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FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-28)

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
GREYHOUND BUS  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
JULY 16, 1961  
RM; CR

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*Freedom Riders - Misc.*

OO: NEW ORLEANS

Re airtel to Director dated July 19, 1961.

Enclosed for the Bureau, New Orleans, and New York Offices, are copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding

The information contained therein was obtained by SA GORDON B. PLAYMAN.

No other leads are outstanding in the Minneapolis Office and this case is considered RUC.

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2-Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)  
2-New Orleans (157-346) (Enc. 1) (RM)  
1-New York (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info)  
1-Minneapolis  
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| TITLE OF CASE<br><b>0 Riders - MISC.<br/>FREEDOM/RIDE, 1961<br/>Trailways Bus<br/>Montgomery, Alabama to<br/>Jackson, Mississippi<br/>July 2, 1961</b> |  | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b> | TYPED BY<br><b>eah</b>                     |
|  |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><b>RM; CR</b>             |  |

## REFERENCES

Mobile teletype to New Orleans dated 7/2/61. (Interoffice)

New Orleans phone call to Bureau 7/2/61.

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## LEADS

All offices will check indices, credit and criminal records on Freedom Riders listed below where they reside, employed, or attend school. Refer to details of report for details. Submit results of investigation to Bureau in letterhead memoranda (8 copies) suitable for dissemination, with two copies for New Orleans. Caption letterhead memorandum same as this report.

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CHARLOTTE OFFICE

AT DURHAM, N. C.

[Redacted]

CHICAGO OFFICE

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

[Redacted]

DETROIT OFFICE

AT WARREN, MICHIGAN

[Redacted]

NEWARK OFFICE

AT ENGLEWOOD, N. J.

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NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK CITY

[Redacted]

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA

[Redacted]

AT SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

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LEADS (cont'd)

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



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NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.

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An additional copy of this report is designated for the New Orleans Office, in the event the Bureau instructs that a copy be furnished to the U. S. Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to:

Report of: **SA HUNTER E. HELGESON**  
Date: **8/4/61**

Office: **NEW ORLEANS**

File Number: **FREEDOM RIDE, 1961**  
**Trailways Bus**  
Title: **Montgomery, Alabama to**  
**Jackson, Mississippi**  
**July 2, 1961**

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Character: **RACIAL MATTERS;**  
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Synopsis:

Five Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, arrived Jackson, Miss., via Trailways Bus, at 1:27 PM, 7/2/61. All were arrested by the Jackson PD at the Bus Terminal, when they failed to obey the orders of the Jackson PD to move on. All charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/3/61, and, after not guilty pleas, were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. No incidents during trial. All convicted, were transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., 7/11/61.

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**DETAILS:**

Investigation in this case was predicated upon information furnished by the Mobile Office of the FBI on July 2, 1961.

✓ By communication that date, Mobile advised that [redacted] CORE, Montgomery, Alabama, advised on July 2, 1961, that a group of five Freedom Riders was leaving via Trailways Bus at 7:00 AM, July 2, 1961, to arrive at Jackson, Mississippi, 1:15 PM, July 2. According to [redacted] the Freedom Riders were [redacted]



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Information concerning this matter was furnished to the following individuals on July 2, 1961:

M. B. PIERCE, Chief of Detectives, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi;

Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi;

Colonel T. B. BIRDSONG, MHSP, Jackson, Mississippi;

[REDACTED] CIC, Jackson, Mississippi;

[REDACTED] Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi.

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The following observations were made at the Trailways Bus Terminal at Jackson, Mississippi, on July 2, 1961:

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At 1:28 PM, three white males, one Negro male and one Negro female, entered the white waiting room as a group. The Negro female sat down in a chair. One of the white males spoke to her. She got up and the group walked toward the magazine stand. At this point, Captain [redacted] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, was observed to speak to the group. At 1:29 PM, the group was escorted out of the main entrance to the terminal and all were placed in a waiting police patrol wagon.

There were no incidents accompanying the above reported matter.

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On 7/2/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-322  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/6/61

Date 7/12/61

The following was observed at the Trailways Bus Terminal, 201 East Pascagoula Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 2, 1961:

At 1:27 PM, Trailways Bus #5244 arrived at the Terminal, at which time three white males, one Negro male and one Negro female got off the bus in a group and entered the white waiting room. There they stood together near the entrance to the restaurant in the white waiting room, and at that time Captain [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department, was observed to speak to the group.

At 1:29 PM, the group was escorted out of the main entrance of the white waiting room, opening on Pascagoula Street, and all were placed in the patrol wagon of the Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department that was waiting there.

No incidents were observed during the above.

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On 7/2/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-322  
by SA [redacted] eah Date dictated 7/6/61

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Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the Freedom Riders listed below were arrested at 1:35 PM, July 2, 1961, at the Continental Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi. All were charged with Breach of the Peace. All were arrested by Captain [redacted] of the Police Department. All the Freedom Riders had gotten off a Trailways Bus and had entered the white waiting room of the bus terminal. They were arrested when they failed to obey the orders of Captain [redacted] to move on.

PIERCE furnished the following data concerning these individuals from Police Department records: [redacted]

Name:

Jackson PD #:

Residence:

Date of arrest:

Charge:

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

Prior arrests:

7/2/61

Breach of Peace

N. Y.

5 years college, University of Chicago

Prayer march in Washington, D. C., 1956 to a speech of MARTIN LUTHER KING

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by SA [redacted] eah Date dictated 7/6/61

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Comments:

Member of NAACP; member of  
CORE

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:

Comments:  
Prior arrests:

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Breach of the Peace

Michigan

Four years, Wayne University  
Attending Duke University

None

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

7/2/61  
Breach of the Peace

Oregon

Student, San Francisco  
College, San Francisco,  
Calif.

Marital status:  
Father:

Mother:

Education:  
Prior arrests:

1 year college

Comments:

Picketed House un-American  
Activities Committee, San  
Francisco, Calif., 5/13/60  
(Mother also picketed same)

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Name:

Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:

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Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

Massachusetts

Student, University of  
Chicago, Illinois

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:  
Prior arrests:

5 years University of Chicago  
Picketing in front of  
Woolworth, Chicago, Ill.,  
1960. Demonstration at  
Rainbow Beach, Chicago, Ill.  
Sit-in, Dearfield, Ill., at  
about six churches  
Member Chicago Youth Committee

Comments:

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:

7/2/61  
Breach of Peace

Charge:

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Arkansas

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

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|-----------------|---|
| Occupation:     | Student, San Jose City<br>College, San Jose, Calif. |
| Marital status: | <div></div>            |
| Father:         |   |
| Mother:         |   |
| Education:      | 1 year college, San Jose,<br>California             |
| Prior arrests:  | None  |
| Comments:       | Member CORE   |



Date 7/12/61

Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were tried in Jackson, Mississippi, Municipal Court at 3:00 PM, July 3, 1961:



PIERCE stated that all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5 of the Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney. Captain [redacted] was the only witness called for the prosecution. No defense witnesses were called. All defendants were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. According to PIERCE, some of the defendants would be transferred to the Hinds County Jail to serve out their sentences and fines and some would be housed in the Jackson City Jail to assist the Sheriff of Hinds County in overcoming crowded facilities at the crowded jail.

PIERCE advised there were no incidents during the course of the trial.

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On 7/3/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-322  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON Date dictated 7/7/61

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On July 11, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following Freedom Riders were transferred to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, from the jails at Jackson, Mississippi, on July 11, 1961:



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| REPORTING OFFICE<br><b>NEW ORLEANS</b>   | OFFICE OF ORIGIN<br><b>CHICAGO</b> | DATE<br><b>8/8/61</b>                                    | INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD<br><b>6/29/61 - 7/24/61</b> |
| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 200px; margin: 10px 0;"></div><br><i>Internal Security - Cuba</i> |                                    | REPORT MADE BY<br><b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>           | TYPED BY<br><b>gas</b>                           |
|  |                                    | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA</b> |  |

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SYNOPSIS:

## REFERENCE

Bureau airtel to New Orleans dated 7/14/61.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

## Copy to:

Report of:  
Date:SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
August 8, 1961

Office: NEW ORLEANS

File Number:

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Title:

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Synopsis:

Investigation [ ] MHSP, Jackson, Miss. received information from undisclosed source in Florida that subjects reportedly were in a group of students who went to Cuba in February, 1961 and attended seminar conducted by officials of Soviet Union. [ ] interviewed [ ] at MSP, Parchman, Miss. and she admitted going to Cuba around Christmas, 1960 and admitted group addressed by Soviet officials but she would not furnish any details. [ ] states all information regarding this matter originated with undisclosed source in Florida.

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DETAILS:

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On June 29, 1961 Investigator [ ] Identification Bureau, Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, Jackson, Mississippi, made available the following press release which he said would be released to the press on June 29, 1961:

"Katherine Pleune, W/F, 21, 5'4½", 132 lbs., arrested 6-10-61

"Address: 6042 Ingleside Street, Chicago 37, Illinois

"The following information was disclosed during an interview with the above-named subject on June 27, 1961 at the Maximum Security Unit of the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman.

"Subject was born in Newark, New Jersey. Her father is dead and her mother lives in South Orange, New Jersey.

"She has two sisters. One sister, Joan, is now in the Hinds County jail. She was arrested 6-20-61 at the I. C. RR. terminal along with a large group of agitators from California.

"Subject lives at the above address on Chicago's South Side at the present.

"She works as a mimeograph machine operator and helps a photographer on the South Side.

"Her education consists of two years of High School.

"Subject stated that as a child she was not taught to believe in God and did not receive a Christian upbringing. She state further that she does not now believe in God.

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"She admitted being arrested several times in Chicago, Ill. for picketing (possibly as 100-150 times). She was also arrested in New York City, N. Y. and San Francisco, Cal. for picketing. She has picketed the C. I. A. and for racial integration.

"Subject was one of a group of 202 'students' that went to Cuba in Feb., 1961 supposedly for the purpose of hearing a lecture by Castro and his governmental officials on his intentions and Cuba's intentions of friendliness toward the U.S. and other right-wing nations. Of course this was only a guise. It actually turned out to be a seminar conducted by nine officials of the Soviet Union.

"Subject admitted to being in a group of students in a dining hall in Havana, Cuba during the above-mentioned trip that was addressed by the nine officials of Soviet Russia.

"She stated that her group had been addressed by Castro and that she had met him personally.

"She refused to answer when asked what the group of 'students' discussed in Cuba or why they were there. She also refused to identify anyone else in the group.

"She was asked if she had been talked to by one 'John Doe,' a known Communist, and she refused to answer on the grounds that 'the F. B. I. might intimidate him' !!!

"She admitted to being a member of CORE but would not say what other organizations she belonged to, although she did admit to belonging to about seven or eight others.

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"Finally she was asked if she was a member of the Communist Party and she refused to answer unless her attorney was present."

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[ ] said that in addition to the above press release the press would be advised that in the seminar referred to as being conducted by the officials of the Soviet Union the students were instructed on how to "sit in, wade in, and Freedom Ride".

[ ] stated that [ ] was interviewed by him at [ ] Mississippi, after he had received information from a source in Florida to the effect that her name appeared on a list of 202 students who had reportedly visited Cuba in February, 1961. This source requested [ ] to interview [ ] to determine if she knew [ ] New York who was reportedly a Communist and reportedly an instructor at the school in Cuba, and was alleged to have been arrested in Florida believed near Miami sometime since February, 1961 with a quantity of Communist Party literature in his car. [ ] is the individual referred to as [ ] in the above press release.

[ ] said that when he questioned [ ] about [ ] she told him she refused to answer on the ground that "the FBI might intimidate him".

[ ] declined to furnish the identity of his source of information in Florida other than to say [ ]

On June 30, 1961 [ ] advised as follows:

He had received information from his source in Florida to the effect that in addition to [ ] [ ] Wisconsin, a convicted Freedom Rider, had also appeared on the list of

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names of 200 students reportedly traveling in Cuba in 1961. [ ] was a Freedom Rider arrested June 6, 1961 at Jackson, Mississippi and was released on bond, June 24, 1961. According to [ ] he was not interviewed at Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman; as was [ ]

On July 17, 1961 [ ] advised that information regarding the trip of [ ] to Cuba in February, 1961, came from source in Florida described as [ ] stated when he interviewed [ ] he asked her if she had gone to Cuba in February, 1961. She told him she had not, but admitted she had gone to Cuba around Christmas, 1960. [ ] also advised all information regarding Soviet seminar in Cuba came from same source in Florida. [ ] states that [ ] admitted that a group of nine Russians spoke to visiting Americans in a mess hall in Havana, but she declined to furnish any information regarding what the Russians said. She declined to furnish [ ] with any information concerning her activities while in Cuba.

[ ] advised that because this information was furnished to him in confidence by Florida source, he can not divulge source's identity without his consent. He said he would phone source in Florida and advise him that FBI desires to contact him regarding this matter and if source had no objections [ ] would then make his name available. On July 19, 1961 [ ] advised that he had attempted to contact source and had been informed by source's secretary that source was somewhere in South Florida and she could not tell [ ] where he could be reached. Source would reportedly return sometime this coming weekend and [ ] will attempt to contact him then.



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On July 24, 1961, [ ] advised that he had recontacted his source in Florida and the source advised him that he did not desire to have his identity disclosed.

Assistant Attorney General  
Burke Marshall

August 14, 1961

Director, FBI

FREEDOM RIDE 1961  
RACIAL MATTERS; DESTRUCTION OF  
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES  
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Julius W. Hobson, President, Washington, D. C.,  
Chapter, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), advised our  
Washington Field Office that eight freedom riders from this area would return to Jackson, Mississippi, to appear in court there August 14, 1961. This group will travel by Greyhound Bus and, according to Mr. Hobson, will depart from Washington, D. C., on August 12 or 13, 1961.

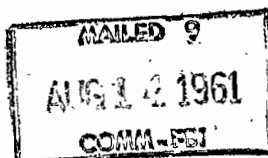
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Mr. Hobson also advised that the CORE Coordinating Committee is planning to hold an all-night prayer vigil in front of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C., on the night of August 14, 1961. Mr. Hobson indicated Martin Luther King was expected to lead this prayer vigil.

The local authorities have been advised and we have alerted the Interstate Commerce Commission. The foregoing information was furnished to Mr. John Murphy of the Civil Rights Division on August 11, 1961, by SA [redacted] We will continue to furnish pertinent developments to the Department.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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NOTE: It is noted oral arguments are scheduled to be held by the ICC on 8/15/61 concerning the question of desegregation of bus transportation facilities.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-42)

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS

OO: LOS ANGELES

8/9/61. Re Los Angeles teletype to the Director dated

*note*

Southern Pacific Railroad train with freedom  
riders arrived El Paso, Texas, 3:00 PM, 8/10/61, and  
departed 3:45 PM. Freedom riders were observed in depot  
during waiting period but no incidents occurred.

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- 1 - El Paso

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

Sent [Signature]Per [Signature]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-396480)  
(105-90299)

DATE: AUG 10 1961

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-43591)  
(100-59224)

SUBJECT

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OO: LA

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*Free Bus Misc*

Re Los Angeles airtel captioned "FREEBUS, RM, CR" and letterhead memorandum to the Bureau dated 6/27/61, and report of SA HUNTER E. HELGESON dated 7/26/61 at New Orleans, captioned "FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, Illinois Central Railroad, New Orleans, Louisiana, to Jackson, Mississippi, June 25, 1961; RM, CR."

On 8/8/61, the photographs of [redacted] furnished Los Angeles with rerep were exhibited to [redacted] PSI (conceal), who has furnished reliable information in the past, by SA SAMUEL W. NORTH, JR.. [redacted] orally advised that the persons depicted were identical with above-captioned subjects.

The 8/9/61 issue of the "Los Angeles Mirror," a daily Los Angeles, California, newspaper, carried the following article:

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⑤ - Bureau (REGISTERED)  
(1 - FREEDOM RIDE, 1961, Illinois Central Railroad, New Orleans, Louisiana, to Jackson, Mississippi, June 25, 1961)  
5 - New Orleans (REGISTERED)  
(2 - [redacted])  
(2 - [redacted])  
(1 - 157-318)  
3 - Los Angeles  
(1 - 157-378)

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LA 100-43591; 100-59224

"BLIND HOUSEWIFE IN RACIAL ARREST

"NEW ORLEANS (UPI)--

"A blind white housewife from Rochester, N. Y., was arrested Tuesday night for passing out leaflets for the Congress of Racial Equality.

"Arrested with Mrs. Norma Wagner, 33, were three other white women, a white man, a Negro woman and a Negro man.

"The leaflets announced an integration meeting to be held in a church Friday night. They were handed out in a Negro neighborhood.

"Police booked them all on charges of violating a rarely invoked law prohibiting 'distributing advertisements measuring more than 5½ by 3½ inches on city streets without a city permit.'

"All were released on \$50 bond.

"Those arrested included Louise Ingram, 27, a white woman of Los Angeles."

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NEW ORLEANS

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI: Will ascertain and report the activities of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Will obtain a photograph of [REDACTED] and the not further identified Negro woman mentioned in above "Los Angeles Mirror" article and forward same to Los Angeles for exhibition to PSI.

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LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will, upon receipt of photographs from New Orleans, exhibit same to PSI to ascertain if persons depicted are identical with above-captioned subjects.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)  
SUBJECT: FREEBUS *Freedom Riders - Miss*

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On 8/4/61 Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Miss. advised the following Freedom Rider prisoners were released on \$500 cash appeal bond on 8/4/61:



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FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

RE: FREEBUS

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Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, NEW YORK  
RICHMOND

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-35588)

FREEDOM RIDERS-MISCELLANEOUS  
FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS. FREEBUS ARRIVED WASH, D.C.,SEVEN FORTYSIX PM AUGUST SIXTEEN, INSTANT, WITH TWENTYFIVE  
PASSENGERS AT GREYHOUND BUS TERMINAL, WASH, D.C. DEPARTEDWASH, D.C., ON CHARTERED GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER THREE FOUR  
ZERO FOUR, [REDACTED] AT NINE FIFTYEIGHT PM AUGUST

SIXTEEN, INSTANT. ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL NEW YORK CITY

THIRTYEIGHT PARK ROW AT TWO THIRTY DASH THREE AM AUGUST

SEVENTEEN, NEXT. BUS HAS THIRTEEN PASSENGERS. TWELVEPASSENGERS DEBARKED WASH, D.C., AND CONTINUED TO COREINSTITUTE IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA. NO INCIDENTS OR PROBLEMS

WASH, D.C.

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Special Agent in Charge

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| Mr. Casper   |  |
| Mr. Callahan |  |
| Mr. Conrad   |  |
| Mr. Felt     |  |
| Mr. Gale     |  |
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-140)  
 SUBJECT: FREEBUS  
 RACIAL MATTERS

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*OF FREEDOM RIDERS - MISSISSIPPI*  
 On arrival of Greyhound Bus 3150 at the bus station, Memphis, Tenn., at 6:55 a.m., 8/15/61, driver [redacted] advised that he was carrying six freedom riders from Jackson, Miss., along with other passengers.

[redacted] advised that he was traveling north on U. S. Highway 51 about five miles south of Canton, Miss., at a speed of approximately 50 miles per hour at 2:55 a.m., 8/15/61. The left front mirror on the bus which protrudes approximately twelve inches swung against the left front vent glass cracking the glass. [redacted] stated that he stopped the bus at this location and did not observe any object that had caused the mirror to swing into the vent glass breaking it. He stated he traveled on to Canton, Miss., where he reported the incident to the Canton PD and they in turn reported it to the Miss. Highway Patrol.

Instant bus was examined by officials of Greyhound at Memphis, and they observed a green substance similar to paint on the edge of the mirror and a fresh break on the edge of the mirror reflecting this incident occurred after the bus apparently slightly sideswiped a truck moving in the opposite direction. [redacted] stated that he now recalls meeting two vehicles at approximately the same time the incident occurred. He stated neither of these vehicles stopped when he stopped the bus. No part of the vent glass was broken out, only cracked. Tape was put over the cracked glass at the bus station in

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66 AUG 22 1961 Special Agent in Charge

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Memphis and the mirror was replaced. The bus proceeded to Chicago, Ill.

This airtel is being submitted for information since this incident has been reported to the PD at Canton, Miss., and they in turn reported it to the Miss. Highway Patrol, and since [ ] states he possibly indicated to the PD at Canton, Miss., that an object had possibly been thrown at the bus.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-264)

SUBJECT: FREEBUS

FREEDOM RIDERS - MISC

Remytel 8/10/61.

On 8/10/61 Deputy [redacted] Hinds Co., SO, Jackson, Miss. advised that the following FR prisoners were released on \$500.00 cash appeal bond each on 8/10/61. He said all of these individuals are scheduled to remain in Jackson until their trial on 8/14/61:

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-225892)

DATE: 8/10/61

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-88)

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SUBJECT: FREEBUS FREEDOM RIDERS- MISC

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, Houston, Phoenix, El Paso, Dallas, and San Antonio, 8/9/61.

At 10:05 a. m., 8/10/61, [redacted] Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Railroad Police, Southern Pacific Railroad, San Antonio, was advised of pertinent information in retel.

[redacted] stated Southern Pacific train, Sunset Limited, Train Number 2, leaving Los Angeles 9:00 p. m. 8/9/61, was due to arrive San Antonio, 4:40 a. m., 8/11/61; due to leave San Antonio 5:05 a. m., same day; and due to arrive Houston, about 8:30 a. m., 8/11/61. He explained that Southern Pacific passenger trains do not go to Dallas, Texas.

At 10:30 a. m., 8/10/61, Colonel HOMER GARRISON, JR., Director, Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, was advised of pertinent information in retel.

At 10:40 a. m., 8/10/61, Inspector [redacted] San Antonio Police Department, was advised of pertinent information in retel.

The Bureau will be advised of any incidents occurring in San Antonio Division.

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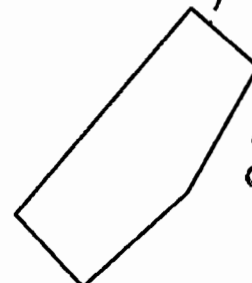
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /157-264/ 1 P

FREEBUS. [REDACTED] JACKSON, ADVISED TODAY THERE WILL

BE MEETING OF FR COORDINATING COMMITTEE PROBABLY AT JACKSON

EITHER END THIS WEEK OR FIRST NEXT WEEK TO DECIDE ON FUTURE FR

ACTIONS. HE ANTICIPATES FR TO JACKSON WILL REUME AFTER THAT

MEETING. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FOUR P. M., AUG. SIXTEEN.

NO FR ARRESTED SINCE AUG. FIFTEEN SUMMARY. SEVEN FR PRISONERS

RELEASED ON BOND AUG. SIXTEEN, IDENTITIES FOLLOW BY AIRTEL.

THESE BONDS RETURNABLE HINDS COUNTY COURT, JACKSON, SEPTEMBER

ELEVEN NEXT. TOTAL ARRESTED TWO HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN. RELEASED

ON BOND TWO HUNDRED AND SIX. PAID FINE FOUR. RELEASED TO

ATTORNEY ONE. RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES

DISMISSED ONE. RELEASED ON EXPIRATION SENTENCE ONE. NET IN

CUSTODY EIGHTY. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING AT HINDS COUNTY JAIL

AND JACKSON CITY JAIL.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: August 15, 1961

FROM :

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 FROM : Freedom Riders Miscellaneous  
 SUBJECT: FREEBUS

*TEXAS*  
 At 6:50 p.m., 8/15/61, SAC Hawkins of the Houston Office advised that [redacted] an attorney called him from the Houston County Jail concerning [redacted] two of the 18 arrested Freedom Riders. (These 18 Freedom Riders arrested on 8/11/61, *CANADA* *TEXAS* were charged with "Unlawful Assembly" by the Houston Police.) SAC Hawkins advised that attorney [redacted] stated that [redacted] and that [redacted] and that he, SAC Hawkins, should immediately arrange for their release. Otherwise, [redacted] would occur.

According to SAC Hawkins, [redacted] advised that he had called [redacted] Executive Assistant to the Attorney General and Mr. Walter Jenkins, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President, re to the incarceration of these two individuals. SAC Hawkins stated that the attorney spoke in a very nasty tongue and was very demanding. SAC Hawkins explained the Bureau's position and stated that these people were arrested by local authorities on a local charge over which we had no jurisdiction and accordingly there was nothing that the FBI could do concerning this arrest problem.

ACTION:

SAC Hawkins was instructed to submit a detailed teletype which has since been received and is attached. SA [redacted] has been advised and instant matter will be furnished to the Attorney General on 8/16/61. *R*

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## Memorandum

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: AUG 14 1961

FROM : BURKE MARSHALL  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

BM:GWJ:rb 7807

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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDERS 1961 *MISC.*  
RACIAL MATTERS;  
DESTRUCTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE;  
CIVIL RIGHTS;  
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Reference is made to the August 10, 1961, telephone conversation between Special Agent [redacted] of your Bureau and Attorneys [redacted] of this Division. Further reference is made to your letterhead memorandum dated July 13, 1961, at Birmingham, Alabama entitled Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, aka. National Ku Klux Klan, National Meeting at Anniston, Alabama, July 8-9, 1961.

It has been noted in referenced memorandum that, according to a confidential informant, [redacted] is probably the person who placed the bomb in the Greyhound Bus which was burned at Anniston on May 14. In an effort to confirm or refute this, please arrange to have [redacted] who saw the bomb being placed into the bus, observe [redacted] to determine if she can identify him as the person she saw perform the act.

In addition to the above, please determine the whereabouts of all known members of the Anniston Klavern, U. S. Klans, on May 14, 1961, insofar as this has not already been done.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-128)  
RE: FREEBUS

*Freedom Riders - Misc.*

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 8/9/61.

Inquiry at Union Station, Dallas, Texas, reflects Southern Pacific Railroad train from Little Rock to Houston does not pass through Dallas but passes through San Antonio.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Burke Marshall

August 15, 1961

Director, FBI

*OFFICE OF FREEDOM RIDERS - MISCELLANEOUS*  
FREEDOM RIDE 1961

RACIAL MATTERS, DESTRUCTION OF  
AIRCRAFT OR MOTOR VEHICLES; CIVIL RIGHTS

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This will confirm information furnished orally on August 12, 1961, to Mr. John Murphy of your Division by Special Agent [redacted]

Our New Orleans Office received information from one [redacted] on August 12, 1961, to the effect that he overheard a conversation in a St. Louis tavern on August 1, 1961. [redacted] in the New Orleans area, stated the conversation was between one [redacted] and one [redacted] two Negroes.

According to [redacted] made statements indicating an unidentified individual from Mississippi would fire a gun into a group of Negroes in Jackson, Mississippi, on August 14 or 15, 1961, during the trial of freedom riders to be held there. [redacted] also claimed that [redacted] talked about one [redacted] man alleged to deal in firearms. [redacted] reportedly indicated that [redacted] has for several months been buying surplus military arms and sending them clandestinely to Jackson. The arms, together with ammunition, were then allegedly given free of charge to Negroes.

Upon being furnished the above information, [redacted] requested that [redacted] be identified and interviewed, if possible, prior to August 14, 1961. On that date, Special Agent [redacted] of this Bureau furnished the following information to [redacted]

Extensive investigation initiated by our New Orleans Office and carried out by a number of additional FBI offices produced no information to verify that supplied by [redacted] or to identify any of the individuals mentioned by him. When confronted with a number of apparent inconsistencies in [redacted] story which our investigation developed, [redacted] became belligerent and was unable to clarify the situation.

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**Assistant Attorney General  
Burke Marshall**

indicated that no additional investigation need be conducted concerning the above matters and no further action in this regard is being taken unless requested by the Department.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI ~~100-225892~~ AND SACS CHARLOTTE, RICHMOND, WFO  
AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

*Freedom Riders - MISC.*  
FROM SAC, KNOXVILLE 157-140 1P

FREEBUS. RM. RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST FIFTEEN INSTANT.  
CHARTERED GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER SIX SIX ZERO THREE LEFT KNOXVILLE,  
TENN. SEVEN TWENTY P. M. EST. AUGUST FIFTEEN INSTANT, EN ROUTE  
ASHVILLE, HICKORY, STATESVILLE AND WINSTON SALEM, N. C. AND ROANOKE,  
VA. DECISION TO CHANGE ROUTE MADE AT KNOXVILLE. BUS WILL ARRIVE  
ASHVILLE ABOUT TEN TO TEN THIRTY PM TONIGHT. FOR INFO CHARLOTTE,  
THIS BUS CARRIES THIRTY SEVEN FREEDOM RIDERS UNDER LEADERSHIP OF JAMES  
FARMER, CORE, NEW YORK CITY, EN ROUTE JACKSON, MISS. TO NEW YORK CITY.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ALERTED. NO INCIDENTS OCCURED AT KNOXVILLE

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
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URGENT 8-15-61 5-40 PM CST TJB

TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 157-264 1-P

*Freedom Riders - Miss.*  
FREEBUS. [REDACTED] JACKSON, MISS., ADVISED TODAY THAT

*pc* ABOUT TEN TO FIFTEEN FR WHO RETURNED TO JACKSON FOR TRAIL ARE STILL IN JACKSON. THEY WILL LEAVE AS SOON AS TRANSPORTATION CAN BE ARRANGED, PROBABLY TONIGHT.. [REDACTED] HAS NO INFO RE ANY NEW FR. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY AS OF FIVE PM CST AUG. FIFTEEN.. NO FR ARRESTED OR RELEASED SINCE AUG. FOURTEEN SUMMARY.. TOTAL ARRESTEDD TWO NINE SEVEN, RELEASED ON BOND ONE NINE NINE, PAID FINE FOUR, RELEASED TO ATTORNEY ONE, RELEASED ON PROBATION FOUR. RELEASED AS CHARGES DISMISSED ONE, RELEASED EXPIRATION SENTENCE ONE, NET IN CUSTODY EIGHT SEVEN. ALL FR PRISONERS EATING HINDS COUNTY AND JACKSON CITY JAILS.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Burke Marshall

August 15, 1961

REC-20 Director, FBI

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Attached is a copy of a letter dated August 6,  
1961, from [redacted]

[redacted] The letter relates to the arrest in  
Mississippi of individuals traveling in interstate commerce  
and using segregated facilities.

[redacted] letter was acknowledged and he was  
advised that a copy is being referred to the Civil Rights  
Division for appropriate consideration.

We are taking no further action in this matter  
unless requested to do so by the Department.

Enclosure

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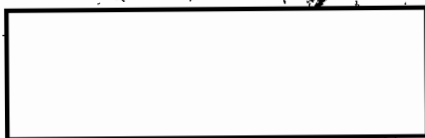
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Dear [redacted]

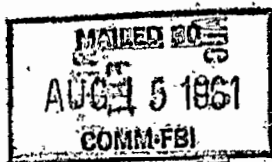
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DATE [redacted] BY [redacted]

Your letter of August 6, 1961, was received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the city.

A copy of your letter is being referred to the Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, for appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]  
Secretary



NOTE: [redacted] who claims to be a student at the University of California, writes in a very critical manner concerning the situation in Mississippi. He complains that the careers and abilities of many gifted Americans (college students arrested as freedom riders) are being delayed, stagnated and lost between "senile attitudes of a 19th Century slave-holding society." He asks to be advised as to the Director's intended and accomplished actions concerning the arrest of freedom riders, casts aspersions at the House Un-American Activities Committee and asks for an explanation as to why Patrick Henry is considered a patriot. In view of the tone of [redacted] letter, it is felt an in-absence reply is appropriate. [redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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MAIL ROOM ☐

TELETYPE UNIT ☐

August 6, 1961

Department of Justice  
Director of F. B. I.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. J. Edgar Hoover:

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 6/22/00 BY SP-4 BJA/leg-  
#428602

I am a junior at the University of California at Berkeley. I believe that at this campus we have an unusually large number of truth and justice seeking idealists who seriously and actively pursue their highest hopes. I sincerely believe that I am very honored to be able to associate with people of this calibre.

One of my very dearest friends, [redacted] is one of these who hold such just convictions. He is presently imprisoned at Parchman Farm in Mississippi under the pretense of disturbing the peace by entering a "white" waiting room while in the company of a group of human beings of varying race, religion, and creed. He was jailed on July 2nd of this year: it is indeed a shame, isn't it sir, that he did not enjoy the irony of being arrested two days later! As if this ridicule of justice is not stinging enough, he and his companions are held in solitary confinement under "maximum security", as is indicated on his letter head.

Sir, [redacted] is a student who has but one year of college left to complete before he receives his Bachelors Degree in sociology. Upon graduation he intends to work for the State of California on cases dealing with juvenile delinquency, but under present conditions he will be unable to attend the fall semester as he will not be released from prison until January 2nd, 1962, and even then he will have to pay a fine of \$200.00.

Though I write this with [redacted] plight foremost in my mind, I wish to point out that he is but one student among the many who have been so unjustly apprehended by the State of Mississippi. Certainly sir, the careers and abilities of all of these most gifted of Americans are being delayed, and stagnated, if not completely lost, by the senile attitudes of a 19th century slave-holding society. It would be

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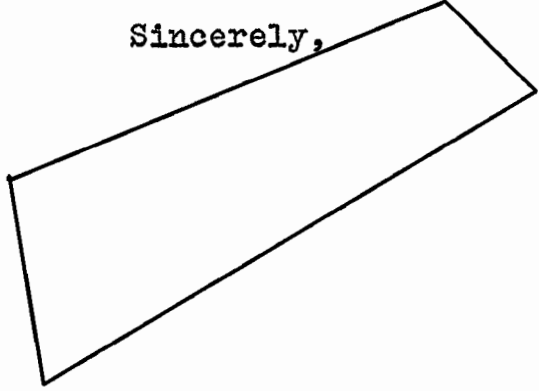
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so much better for this nation to be free of Mississippi's asinine actions. Once she seceded from the Union; now, I wonder, is there any way we can get her to leave?

I am hoping that [ ] and the others, may soon be released through the efforts of the U. S. Department of Justice. It is sad to think that while a Russian astronaut circles about the earth, this country permits its students to be denied their education and to be imprisoned for attempting to uphold the equality of man. But perhaps sir, you believe that we are not the equal of the Russians? I certainly hope not and I hope that you will indicate this through an effort to immediately correct the shameful situation in Mississippi. I would hope to receive the briefest note from you sir on your intended and accomplished actions on this matter.

Sincerely,



P. S. I wish that I could have sent this to you in the form of a petition sir, but you may not realize the deep fear that exists among the vast majority of college students today which prevents them from indicating their beliefs by undersigning such a letter. This fear finds it's stimulus in the actions of a most un-American group, the House Un-American Activities Committee. If you do write to me perhaps you could also explain to me why Patrick Henry is considered a patriot. I can only regard it as an ultimate paradox, considering the conditions I have described in this post script.

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Date: 8/7/61

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-363)

RE: FREEDOM RIDE 1961  
TRAILWAYS BUS, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA TO  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AUGUST 4, 1961  
RM; CRRemytel 8/4/61. *Freedom Rider M/s*

[redacted] released on \$150  
bond 8/4/61. Remaining four FR prisoners have not made bond  
to date. All FRs are scheduled to appear in district court,  
Shreveport, 8/8/61.

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Approved: *[Signature]*

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Special Agent in Charge

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| Reporting Office<br><b>NEW ORLEANS</b>  | Office of Origin<br><b>NEW ORLEANS</b> | Date<br><b>8/7/61</b>                          | Investigative Period<br><b>7/5 - 26/61</b> |
| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961<br/>Trailways Bus Terminal<br/>Jackson, Mississippi<br/>11:00 PM, July 5, 1961</b> |  | Report made by<br><b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b> | Typed By:<br><b>eah</b>                    |
|   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>RM; CR</b>         |  |

*Freedom Riders - Misc.*

## REFERENCES

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## AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.

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| Approved<br><i>[Signature]</i>    | Special Agent<br>In Charge | Do not write in spaces below |               |
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
Date: 8/7/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: 157-326

Bureau File No.:

Title: FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Trailways Bus Terminal  
Jackson, Mississippi  
11:00 PM, July 5, 1961

Character:

RACIAL MATTERS;  
CIVIL RIGHTSALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 11-13-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

Synopsis:

Six Freedom Riders, identified in details of report, entered Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Miss., at 11:00 PM, 7/5/61. All arrested by Jackson PD when they failed to obey the orders of Jackson PD Officer to move on. All charged with Breach of the Peace. No incidents at time of arrest. All tried in Jackson Municipal Court, 7/7/61, and, after NG pleas, were convicted of violation of S. 2087.5, Mississippi Code. Were sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. All transferred to MSP, Parchman, Miss., on 7/11/61. Two released on \$500 cash appeal bond, 7/25/61.

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## DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of the following information:

At 10:45 PM, July 5, 1961, [redacted] Jackson non-Violent Movement, Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] at the Jackson Resident Agency. She advised that a group of Negro males were en route to the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, at that time and said they would enter the white waiting room of the Trailways Terminal.

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SA [ ] telephonically furnished the above information to Chief of Detectives M. B. PIERCE, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 5, 1961.

Date 7/18/61b6  
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Captain [ ] Detective Bureau, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that at 11:00 PM, July 5, 1961, individuals whose names are set out below entered the white waiting room of the Trailways Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, through the main entrance of the white waiting room. They walked as a group to the ticket counter and stated they wished to buy tickets to New Orleans, Louisiana.

Patrolman [ ] Jackson Police Department, approached the group and asked them to move on. None in the group made any attempt to move. [ ] again ordered them to move on and when they did not move he placed them all under arrest for Breach of the Peace, and they were transferred to the Jackson City Jail.

[ ] said there were no incidents in connection with the above-mentioned arrests.

[ ] furnished the following information from Police Department records concerning those arrested:

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:

7/5/61

Breach of the Peace

Mississippi

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On 7/6/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-326  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/12/61

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Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

[Redacted]

Student, [Redacted] High School,  
Jackson, Mississippi

Marital status:  
Father:

[Redacted]

Mother:  
Education:  
Prior arrests:

10th grade  
None admitted

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

[Redacted]

Date of arrest:

7/5/61

Charge:

Breach of the Peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

[Redacted]

Mississippi

[Redacted]

Education:

11th grade

Prior arrests:

None

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
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Weight:  
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Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

Marital status:  
Father:

Mother:  
Education:  
Prior arrests:

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:

[Redacted]

7/5/61  
Breach of the Peace

[Redacted]

Mississippi

Student, Lanier High School,  
Jackson, Mississippi

[Redacted]

10th grade  
None admitted

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[Redacted]

7/5/61

[Redacted]

Mississippi

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Occupation:

Student (Lanier High School)  
Jackson, Mississippi

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

Lanier High School, Jackson,  
Mississippi

Prior arrests:

None admitted

Comments:

Member of NAACP

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Name:

Jackson PD #:

Residence:

Date of arrest:

7/5/61

Charge:

Breach of the Peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Student (Lanier High School)  
Jackson, Mississippi

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

Lanier High School, Jackson,  
Mississippi

Prior arrests:

None admitted

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:



Date of arrest:  
Charge:

7/5/61

Breach of the Peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Height:

Weight:

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Hair:

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Occupation:



Mississippi



Student (Lanier High School)  
Jackson, Mississippi

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

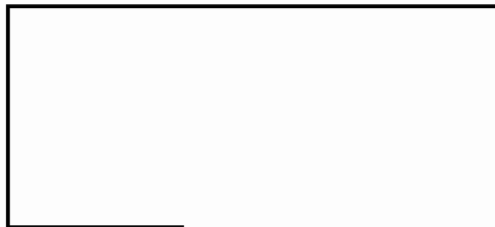
Prior arrests:



11th Grade - Lanier High School  
None admitted

Date 7/10/61

Captain [redacted] Detective Bureau,  
Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised  
the following individuals were tried in Jackson  
Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 7,  
1961:



[redacted] stated all the above individuals were  
tried for violation of Section 2037.5, Mississippi Code.  
All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney,  
[redacted] Jackson. All defendants were convicted and  
sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. According  
to BARNES, all the defendants were transferred to the Hinds  
County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi.

[redacted] advised there were no incidents during  
the course of the trial.


On 7/7/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-526

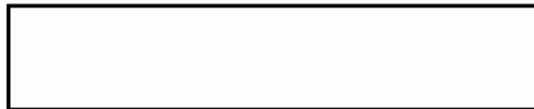
by SA [redacted] [redacted] Date dictated 7/12/61

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On July 11, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were transferred from the Hinds County Jail to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, on July 11, 1961:



On July 26, 1961,  Deputy, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised the following individuals were released on \$500 cash appeal bond each the night of July 25, 1961:



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/7/61

FROM: *FJP* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-24927)b6  
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SUBJECT: FREEDOM RIDE 1961,  
GREYHOUND BUS,  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 7/15/61  
RM - CR

*Freedom Riders - Misc.*  
Re New Orleans tel to Bureau, 7/15/61.

Submitted as an enclosure to this letter are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum relative to [redacted] one of the Freedom Riders arrested 7/15/61 at Jackson, Mississippi.

The indices of the San Francisco Office contain no subversive information relative to [redacted]

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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FREEDOM RIDE 1961, GREYHOUND  
BUS, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI  
7/15/61

Records of the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department  
reflect that one of the twelve Freedom Riders arrested July 15,  
1961 at the Greyhound Bus Terminal. Jackson was [redacted]  
[redacted] California

Records of the Director of Admissions, University of  
California, Berkeley, California reflect that [redacted]  
[redacted] permanent residence [redacted]  
[redacted] was born [redacted] Pennsylvania, the  
daughter of [redacted]

[redacted] graduated from Van Nuys High School  
in June, 1960 and entered the College of Letters and Sciences,  
University of California, Berkeley at the commencement of the  
fall semester 1960. [redacted] completed her freshman year and  
is eligible for re-entrance as a sophomore in September 1961.

Records of the Oakland, California and Berkeley Police  
Departments contain no record of [redacted]

Records of the Greater East Bay Credit Bureau, Oakland,  
contain no record of [redacted]

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| TITLE OF CASE<br><br><b>FREEDOM RIDE, 1961<br/>Greyhound Bus Terminal<br/>Jackson, Mississippi<br/>July 7, 1961</b><br><i>Freedom Riders - Misc</i> |  | Report made by<br><b>SA HUNTER E. HELGESON</b>   | Typed By:<br><b>eah</b>                     |
|   |  | CHARACTER OF CASE<br><br><b>RM; CR</b><br>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED<br>HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED<br>DATE 11-12-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW |   |

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## NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

### AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

CC TO: **SBA**  
REQ. REC'D **12-3-73**  
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ANS.  
BY: **PF** **RAB**

Will report disposition of convicted Freedom Riders.

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| Approved<br><i>[Signature]</i>  | Special Agent<br>In Charge | Do not write in spaces below |               |
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Copy to:

Report of:  
Date:SA HUNTER E. HELGESON  
8/7/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.:

157-330

Bureau File No.:

Title:

FREEDOM RIDE, 1961  
Greyhound Bus Terminal  
Jackson, Mississippi  
July 7, 1961ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Character:

RACIAL MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

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## DETAILS:

Investigation in this case was predicated upon receipt of information from [redacted]

[redacted] He telephonically advised on July 6, 1961, that a group of Negro male Freedom Riders from Jackson would go to the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Jackson in approximately thirty minutes and would attempt to purchase bus tickets in the white waiting room.

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The above information was telephonically furnished  
to Captain [REDACTED] Detective Bureau, Police Department,  
Jackson, Mississippi.

Date 7/13/61

The following observations were made at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 7, 1961;

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At 12:25 AM, a group of six Negro males entered the main entrance of the white waiting room and walked as a group to the ticket counter. After arriving at the ticket counter, they were approached by Captain [redacted] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, and other officers. He was heard to order the group to move on and none in the group responded to his order. He repeated his order and when none of the group moved he advised them they were under arrest. The group was then escorted from the waiting room to a police patrol wagon parked just outside the Greyhound Terminal.

There were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

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On 7/7/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-330  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/7/61

7/13/61

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Captain [ ] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the individuals whose names appear below were arrested at 12:25 AM, July 7, 1961, on a charge of Breach of the Peace, at the Greyhound Bus Terminal, Jackson, Mississippi. He advised that Captain [ ] was the arresting officer. According to [ ] these individuals had entered the white waiting room of the Greyhound Bus Terminal and had gone to the ticket counter as a group; when Captain [ ] approached and advised them to move on they disregarded his order and made no move. He then placed them under arrest.

[ ] said there were no incidents in connection with the above arrests.

[ ] furnished the following information concerning those arrested from Police Department records:

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:

7/7/61  
Breach of Peace

Mississippi

Student

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On 7/7/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-330  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/7/61

NO 157-330

Education:  
Prior arrests:

9th grade, Jim Hill School  
Jackson Police Department,  
12/16/57, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:  
Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:  
Prior arrests:

7/7/61  
Breach of Peace

Mississippi

Student

7th grade - Jim Hill School  
None

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:  
Date of arrest:  
Charge:

7/7/61  
Breach of Peace

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NO 157-330

Race:  
Sex:  
Age:  
Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Eyes:  
Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

Mississippi

Jackson, Mississippi

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:

Lanier High School, Jackson,  
Mississippi

Prior arrests:

None

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:

Date of arrest:  
Charge:  
Race:  
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Date of birth:  
Place of birth:  
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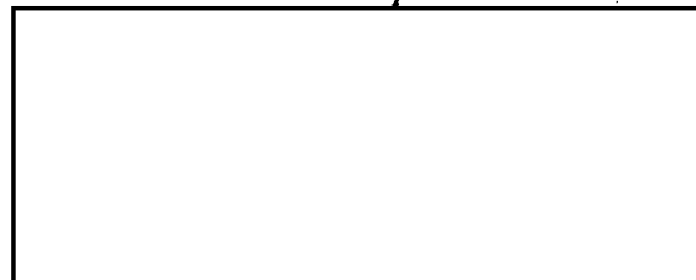
7/7/61  
Breach of the Peace

Mississippi

NO 157-330

Hair:  
Complexion:  
Build:  
Occupation:

Marital status:  
Father:  
Mother:  
Education:  
Prior arrests:



Jin Hill High  
None

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Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence:



Date of arrest:

7/7/61

Charge:

Breach of the Peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:


Prior arrests:

Comments:



Wisconsin

Student



8th grade, Rowan High

None

Member NAACP

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NO 157-330

Name:  
Jackson PD #:  
Residence: —

[Redacted]

Date of arrest:

7/7/61

Charge:

Breach of Peace

Race:

Sex:

Age:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Mississippi

Height:

Weight:

Eyes:

Hair:

Complexion:

Build:

Occupation:

Student (Jim Hill School)

Marital status:

Father:

Mother:

Education:

Prior arrests:

9th Grade - Jim Hill School

Arrested Hinds Co., 1961, charged

[Redacted] Arrested

Jackson PD, 9/11/60, charged

[Redacted]

Comments:

Member, NAACP

Date 7/13/61

Captain [ ] Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi, advised the following individuals were tried in Jackson Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, on July 7, 1961:

[ ]  
[ ] stated all of the above individuals were tried for violation of Section 2087.5, Mississippi Code. All entered pleas of not guilty through their attorney, [ ] Jackson. All defendants were convicted and sentenced to four months in jail and fined \$200. According to [ ] all of the above defendants were transferred to the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi.

[ ] advised there were no incidents during the course of the trial.

[ ] said that [ ] who had been arrested with the above, had been turned over to the Hinds County Juvenile Authorities, and would be handled at a future date.

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On 7/7/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-330  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/7/61

Date 7/31/61

[redacted] Hinds County Juvenile Officer.  
Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [redacted]  
a Freedom Rider arrested July 7, 1961, who was [redacted]  
years of age, was afforded a hearing in Hinds County  
Youth Court, on July 19, 1961, on a petition from the  
Hinds County Juvenile Office alleging [redacted] to have  
committed a delinquent act in that he violated Section  
2087.5 of the Mississippi Code, in connection with his  
Freedom Rider activities. He was adjudged a juvenile  
delinquent and was placed on probation for a period of  
one year on July 19, 1961.

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On 7/19/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 157-330  
by SA HUNTER E. HELGESON/eah Date dictated 7/26/61

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On July 11, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY, Hinds County, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that the following individuals were transferred to the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi, from the Hinds County Jail, on July 11, 1961:

[REDACTED]

GILFOY stated that [REDACTED] would remain in the Hinds County Jail, Jackson, Mississippi, due to the fact he was only sixteen years of age.

On July 11, 1961, [REDACTED] Deputy, Hinds County Sheriff's Office, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that [REDACTED] had been released on a \$500 property appeal bond signed by [REDACTED] both of Jackson, Mississippi. [REDACTED] was released July 11, 1961.

On July 19, 1961, Sheriff J. ROBERT GILFOY advised that [REDACTED] was released on a \$500 cash appeal bond on July 19, 1961.

On July 26, 1961, Hinds County Deputy Sheriff [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was released on \$500 cash appeal bond July 25, 1961.

On August 2, 1961, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was released on \$500 cash appeal bond on August 1, 1961.

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| Mr. Belmont  |  |
| Mr. Mohr     |  |
| Mr. Callahan |  |
| Mr. Conrad   |  |
| Mr. DeLoach  |  |
| Mr. Evans    |  |
| Mr. Malone   |  |
| Mr. Rosen    |  |
| Mr. Sullivan |  |
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URGENT 8-17-61 1-07 RLB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, JACKSONVILLE 157-2467 MISCELLANEOUS

CORE, RACIAL MATTERS, FREEBUS, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST FOUR LAST.

TODAY ORDER OF U. S. D. J., G. HARROLD CARSWELL, NDF,  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., DENIED MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION  
PREVIOUSLY FILED BY THREE NEGRO PROTESTANT MINISTERS,

USDC, TALLAHASSEE. CARSWELL ALSO DENIED

WITHOUT COMMENT MOTION OF CITY OF TALLAHASSEE TO DISMISS  
THE SUIT. HE ALSO DENIED WITHOUT COMMENT MOTION OF AMERICAN  
NEWS COMPANY TO DISMISS SUIT. CARSWELL SET FINAL HEARING  
FOR DETERMINATION OF ALL OTHER ISSUES IN CASE FOR TEN A. M.  
SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, NEXT, USDC, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.

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| Mr. Conrad   | _____ |
| Mr. DeLoach  | _____ |
| Mr. Evans    | _____ |
| Mr. Malone   | _____ |
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URGENT 8-16-61 3-25 PM DST MKB

TO DIRECTOR, FBI ~~/100-225892/~~ AND SACS WASHINGTON FIELD AND  
NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAC RICHMOND /157-231/ 1P

*Freedom Riders - Misc.*  
FREE BUS. RM. RE KNOXVILLE TELS TO BUREAU AUGUST FIFTEEN LAST.

CHARTERED GREYHOUND BUS NUMBER SIX EIGHT FIVE TWO ARRIVED  
ROANOKE, VA. ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM EST, AUGUST SIXTEEN INSTANT,  
AFTER DELAY IN NORTH CAROLINA DUE TO BREAKDOWN OF BUS. BUS  
DEPARTED ROANOKE ELEVEN THIRTY AM EN ROUTE HARRISONBURG, VA.,  
DUE TO ARRIVE APPROXIMATELY TWO THIRTY PM EST, WHERE FREEDOM  
RIDERS PLAN TO HAVE LUNCH. BUS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON,  
DC, FIVE TWENTY PM EST, AUGUST SIXTEEN INSTANT. BUS DRIVEN BY  
[REDACTED] LOCAL AUTHORITIES ALERTED. INCIDENTS ROANOKE, VA.

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By [Signature]

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Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Evans \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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URGENT 8-15-61 10-44 PM VBR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, HOUSTON 2P

FREEBUS. RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO HOUSTON FIFTEENTH INSTANT,

LA TELETYPE TO BUREAU SIX THIRTYFIVE PM AUGUST NINTH LAST AND

HOUSTON AIRTELS AUGUST ELEVEN, TWELVE AND FOURTEENTH. OF

EIGHTEEN PERSONS ARRESTED UNION STATION HOUSTON AUGUST ELEVENTH,

ELEVEN WERE FREEDOM RIDERS FROM CALIFORNIA IDENTIFIED IN REFERENCED

LA TELETYPE. LUCY LEWIS, MENTIONED IN REFERENCED AL TELETYPE

NOT AMONG ARRESTED PERSONS. HOUSTON INDICES CONTAIN NO REFERENCES

TO ABOVE ELEVEN OTHER THAN INFORMATION IN REFERENCED LA TELETYPE.

ARREST RECORDS OF HOUSTON PD INDICATE

LISTED BIRTH AT [REDACTED] NOT SHOWN.

LISTED BIRTH AT [REDACTED]

AND LISTED AS [REDACTED] NAME OF [REDACTED]

IS SLIGHT VARIATION OF LA SPELLING. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE ELEVEN,

FOLLOWING SEVEN HOUSTON NEGROES ARRESTED COLON [REDACTED]

AGE [REDACTED]

AGE [REDACTED]

ROBERT EARL JONES, NM, AGE TWENTY ONE -- [REDACTED]

AGE [REDACTED]

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HOUSTON FILES REFLECT ABOVE

SEVEN PERSONS ARE ALL MEMBERS OF PROGRESSIVE YOUTH ASSOCIATION AND HAVE BEEN ACTIVE RECENT MONTHS IN PYA SIT-IN DEMONSTRATIONS SEEKING TO INTEGRATE VARIOUS HOUSTON RESTAURANTS, INCLUDING UNION STATION RESTAURANT. NO OTHER REFERENCES IN HOUSTON INDICES. LETTERHEAD MEMO FOLLOWS. LA ADVISED AM.

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12-50 AM OK FBI WA JHA

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

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| Tolson     | ✓ |
| Belmont    |   |
| Mohr       |   |
| Callahan   |   |
| Conrad     |   |
| DeLoach    | ✓ |
| Evans      | ✓ |
| Malone     |   |
| Rosen      |   |
| Sullivan   |   |
| Tavel      |   |
| Trotter    |   |
| Tele. Room |   |
| Ingram     |   |
| Gandy      |   |

TO :

DATE: August 9, 1961

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT:

CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY (CORE) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
Jackson, MississippiHEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/22/87 BY SP807/Buy

8-14-96 291829  
[redacted] called to advise that the Department has received a telegram from CORE indicating that 150 persons will have to report to Jackson, Mississippi, in connection with the process presently outstanding against them relating to private trips to Jackson, Mississippi. These individuals are out on bond and the hearing will come up in the near future.

The telegram briefly indicated that CORE desired that U. S. Marshals be sent to Jackson to preserve law and order.

The Department doesn't intend to send any U. S. Marshals to Jackson and an appropriate answer is being prepared with a telegram and CORE will be advised briefly that there does not appear to be any violation or any need to supplant the responsibility of local authorities who will have the responsibility of maintaining law and order.

[redacted] said that the CORE group has a problem because they have \$85,000 in bond money at stake and it is understood that 134 individuals are to report on Monday, August 14, 1961.

He indicated some will be difficult to get back because they are out of the country or are on tenting trips.

Jackson City Attorney Travis has indicated that the local authorities intend to take action. They will maintain law and order; they will not tolerate any inappropriate acts on the part of local people or outsiders.

It is also planned that persons returning to Jackson will be taken care of at Tougaloo College, which is in the area.

It is also expected that a couple of meetings will take place this Sunday. The local authorities also plan to take steps to avoid any difficulties at this meeting.

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Memo to  from Rosen

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

No action need be taken by the FBI. We have kept the Department advised of information relating to this situation.  will furnish a copy of the incoming telegram to the FBI and the Department's acknowledgment, for our records.

ADDENDUM AR:WW 8/9/61: There are attached hereto a copy of CORE's telegram to the Attorney General, a copy of the Deputy Attorney General's reply, and two memoranda concerning the situation, which is substantially the same as I have reported in my memorandum above.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Al Rosen<sup>Rw</sup>  
Assistant Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 9, 1961

FROM :    
First Assistant  
Civil Rights Division

ALL FBI INFORMATION CONTAINED <sup>b6</sup>  
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DATE 11-12-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

SUBJECT: Freedom riders, Jackson, Mississippi

Attached is a copy of CORE's telegram to the Attorney General, a copy of the Deputy Attorney General's reply and two memoranda concerning the situation.

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WESTERN UNION  
TELEGRAM

W. P. MARSHALL, President

SF-1201 (4-60)

## SYMBOLS

DL = Day Letter

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LT = International  
Letter Telegram

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DATE 11-12-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

WE HAVE ORALLY ADVISED YOUR DEPARTMENT THAT THE CITY OF JACKSON  
HAS INSISTED THAT ALL FREEDOM RIDERS PLANNING TO APPEAL THEIR  
CONVICTIONS BE PRESENT IN COURT ON AUGUST 14, 1961. CORE ATTORNEY

[REDACTED] ATTEMPTED TO WORK OUT AN ORDERLY PEACEFUL SERIES  
OF TRIALS. THE CITY OF JACKSON ACTING THROUGH PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
JACK TRAVIS HAS REFUSED SUCH A PROCEDURE AND HAS ORDERED ALL  
DEFENDANTS TO BE PRESENT THOUGH IT WILL BE PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE  
TO TRY THEM ALL THEN OR EVEN IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. IN VIEW  
OF THE SITUATION THAT MAY WELL ARISE FROM THE PRESENCE OF MORE  
THAN 150 NEGRO AND WHITE FREEDOM-RIDERS, ATTORNEYS AND WORLD  
PRESS IN JACKSON FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME BEGINNING AUGUST

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# WESTERN UNION

## TELEGRAM

W. P. MARSHALL, President

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13TH, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU TAKE STEPS TO PROVIDE

FAX

FEDERAL MARSHAL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THOSE COMING TO JACKSON.  
AS YOU ARE AWARE THEIR TRAVEL IS URGENT AND MAY NOT BE POSTPONED.  
THERE IS NO VALID REASON FOR THE ADAMANT POSITITN TF JACKSON  
OFFICIALS. CORE

REPRESENTATIVES IN JACKSON WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SEE THAT  
OUR CONDUCT IS COMPLETELY NON-VOILENT AT THE SAME TIME CORE  
SHALL CONTINUE TO PROTEST SEGREGATION IN JACSON. WE CANNOT  
GUARANTEE THE CONDUCT OF HOODLUM ELEMENTS

JAMES ~~FARMER~~ NATIONAL DIRECTOR ~~CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY.~~

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Mr. James Farmer  
National Director  
Congress of Racial Equality  
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Farmer:

Your telegrams to the President and the Attorney General  
have been referred to me.

I appreciate your desire to provide a legal defense for  
the 150 defendants appearing in Jackson, Mississippi, unmarred by  
any public disorder. However, the Department has no information,  
either from your telegrams or otherwise, indicating any violation  
or threatened violation of federal law in connection with the  
pending litigation. In the absence of such violation, maintenance  
of law and order is solely a state and local responsibility. We  
have no basis to assume that the people of Mississippi will be  
lawless or that responsible law enforcement officials will be  
unable or unwilling to maintain law and order.

Sincerely yours,

Byron R. White  
Deputy Attorney General

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The File

August 8, 1961

[redacted]  
First Assistant  
Civil Rights Division

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Freedom Riders, Jackson, Mississippi

[redacted] called from Jackson and said that Mr. Travis, City Attorney of Jackson, had called him aside after the hearing and had said the following:

1. Tell Mr. Marshall that we intend to call all of the freedom riders up for trial the first day, on August 14.

2. Convey to Mr. Marshall the following. In the past, the City of Jackson has maintained law and order and they intend to do so in the future. The City of Jackson will not tolerate any agitation from anyone, including their own people.

3. Travis was aware that CORE had asked for United States marshals.

4. They have always had a law that all defendants who appear from Mississippi will be called up the first day of the trial and have to be present. They are not going to change this rule for the freedom riders. They intend to handle these cases judiciously and as expeditiously as possible.

Following this, I called Mr. White and advised him.

cc: Burke Marshall

157-387-916

Byron White  
Deputy Attorney General

August 9, 1961

[redacted]  
First Assistant  
Civil Rights Division

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Freedom riders, Jackson, Mississippi

I called [redacted] the attorney whom Mr. Marshall knows in Jackson, Mississippi, and discussed with him the fact that over 150 freedom riders will be coming back into Jackson next week and that we wanted the City of Jackson to be aware of it.

[redacted] responded as follows: We are as aware of the problem as you are, and we are not going to have any violence. We have even taken precautions to provide protection for these people while they are staying at Tougaloo College outside the city limits of Jackson. [redacted] apparently believes that many of the freedom riders will stay at this small Negro college just north of Jackson.) We will endeavor to find out where all of the people are staying and will protect them. We have had two meetings already and will have another tomorrow to be sure that there will be no violence.

I asked him if he was aware of a rally which was to be held Sunday night in Jackson, and he said he was and that there would be enough city policemen around the building to see that no trouble occurred.

He said that August 14 is the return date on each of the defendants' bonds, and the court rule is that all defendants must appear on the return date. At that time, each defendant who is there and pleads not guilty will receive a trial date for his trial.

As to the possibility of trying just 4 cases, he said they would have been glad to have CORE send only 4 people to test segregation in Jackson. Instead, they chose to fill up our jails. Now the shoe is on the other foot, and CORE doesn't like it.

I have advised Mr. Rosen of the FBI of the situation.

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URGENT 8-15-61 6:30 PM VBR  
TO DIRECTOR, FBI IMMEDIATE ATTENTION ASSISTANT

DIRECTOR A. ROSEN

FROM SAC, HOUSTON 4P Freedom Riders - Miscellaneous  
FREEBUS. RE MY TELEPHONE CALL TO THE BUREAU FIFTEENTH INSTANT.

AT FOUR FORTY PM CST, I RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM  
INDIVIDUAL WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED]  
STATING THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED TO HOUSTON AND WAS SETTING UP  
LAW PRACTICE IN CITY OF HOUSTON AND HAD FORMERLY SERVED AS  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, AUSTIN, TEXAS. [REDACTED]

STATED HE WAS CALLING FROM THE HARRIS COUNTY SO STATING THAT HE  
HAD JUST TALKED TO [REDACTED] PAREN PHONETIC PAREN OF THE  
DEPARTMENT AND TO WALTER JENKINS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO  
THE VICE PRESIDENT. [REDACTED] WAS EXTREMELY ABUSIVE AND  
DEMANDED THAT I TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION RELATIVE TO THE  
RELEASE OF [REDACTED] WHO WERE

PRESENTLY CONFINED IN THE HARRIS COUNTY JAIL, HOUSTON, TEXAS.  
WITH OTHER FREEDOM RIDERS, HAVING BEEN ARRESTED IN HOUSTON 10/19/61

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AUG. ELEVEN LAST AFTER BEING CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] OF THE DEPARTMENT HAD INFORMED HIM THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO REPORT FROM THE FBI AND KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE ARREST OF THE FREEDOM RIDERS IN HOUSTON. *This was not reported until 11:15 AM 8/11/68*

[REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED]

*TEXAS* WERE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND THAT [REDACTED]

AND UNLESS ACTION WAS TAKEN TO RELEASE THESE INDIVIDUALS BEFORE MORNING IT WOULD [REDACTED] SITUATION. I

INFORMED [REDACTED] THAT THE FBI DID NOT ENACT LEGISLATION OR MAKE POLICY BUT MERELY CARRIED OUT THE WISHES OF CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT. [REDACTED] DEMANDED THAT I IMMEDIATELY PROCEED TO THE HARRIS COUNTY JAIL, INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] EXAMINE [REDACTED] AND TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ENFORCE EXISTING FEDERAL LAWS. HE STATED HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT-S OFFICE THAT THE ICC HAD RULED THREE WEEKS AGO THAT THESE ARRESTS WERE ILLEGAL. I INFORMED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THAT IF [REDACTED]

THAT THIS WAS A MATTER THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT  
OBVIOUSLY BETWEEN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE  
DEPARTMENT AND THAT THE FBI WOULD CARRY OUT THE WISHES OF THE  
DEPARTMENT IN ANY MATTER OVER WHICH THE FBI HAD JURISDICTION.

HE STATED [REDACTED] INSTRUCTED HIM TO IMMEDIATELY CALL THE  
FBI IN HOUSTON AND I INFORMED [REDACTED] THAT I WOULD  
FURNISH THE INFORMATION HE HAD GIVEN ME TO OUR HEADQUARTERS

FOR ANY ACTION THEY DEEMED APPROPRIATE. THIS OFFICE HAS  
HAD NO PREVIOUS INFORMATION THAT [REDACTED] ARE

[REDACTED] DEMANDED TO KNOW IF INFORMATION

CONCERNING THE ARREST OF THE FREEDOM RIDERS HAD BEEN BROUGHT  
TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND DEMANDED TO KNOW  
WHETHER THIS HAD BEEN DONE BY TELETYPE OR BY LETTER. I

INFORMED [REDACTED] THAT THIS WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION  
AND THAT I WOULD NOT COMMENT CONCERNING THIS PHASE OF OUR  
OPERATIONS. AS POINTED OUT, THIS INDIVIDUAL APPEARED TO BE  
EXTREMELY EXCITED AND BELLIGERENT. INDICES HOUSTON OFFICE

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RE  NEGATIVE. UACB NO ACTION BEING TAKEN BY THIS  
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Date: 8/12/61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-786)

RE: FREEBUS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 11-12-2009 BY 60324 UC BAW/SAB/STW

RE: Houston airtel to Bureau dated 8/11/61.

Examination of Identification Bureau records, Houston Police Department, on 8/12/61, disclosed total of 18 persons were actually arrested at Union Station, Houston, Texas, on 8/11/61.

Detective [redacted] Special Investigator for Office of Chief of Police, pointed out only 16 persons initiated sit-in originally, but were apparently joined by two additional persons during confused period when demonstrators were leaving and entering restaurant to purchase magazines.

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Eighteen persons arrested for unlawful assembly consisted of 11 "Freedom Riders" from California, and 7 Houston members of Progressive Youth Association (PYA). The 7 railway tickets to DeQuincy, Louisiana, mentioned in referenced airtel were apparently for Houston group.

Article in "Houston Post" newspaper of 8/12/61, captioned "11 Freedom Riders Arrested at Station", pointed out spokesman for the California group was ROBERT KAUFMAN.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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KAUFMAN stated his group was sponsored by Congress of Racial Equality and his group was travelling on round-trip tickets from Los Angeles to Houston. This article pointed out that arrested persons went to jail rather than to post bond of \$500 each. KAUFMAN reportedly stated his group would not post bonds and would serve out any sentences.

On 8/12/61, Harris County Assistant Chief Deputy Sheriff, [redacted] confirmed above group had remained in Harris County Jail rather than seeking release on bail. [redacted] indicated date of trial would probably be announced on 8/14/61.

Details in letterhead memorandum including identities of all persons arrested will be submitted at early date.

The Bureau and interested offices will be promptly advised of any pertinent developments.